

The Trinity Window

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April 2018



Celebrate the Joy of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 1:

Trinity has four worship services on Easter.

- 6:30 AM:** Sunrise Service on the front steps facing Forest Ave
8:00 AM: Traditional Celebration (*note time change*)
Celebration of the Resurrection: Choir, organ, brass, Holy Communion
9:30 AM: Modern Celebration
Celebration of the Resurrection: Praise band, Holy Communion
11:00 AM: Traditional Celebration
Celebration of the Resurrection: Choir, organ, brass, Holy Communion

Additional Easter Sunday Information:

- Communion will be served at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 services.
- Ample Parking is available. There is an additional parking lot off Rock Creek Road, beyond the first parking lot entrance to Trinity.
- All are encouraged to bring freshly cut flowers on Easter morning to place on the cross.
- Nursery care is available for the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM worship services. There will not be nursery care during the 6:30 sunrise service.



Preschool and Elementary Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday, April 1

This event designed for children from preschool to grade 5 will be held on the front lawn right after the 11 AM Worship service. (Usually about 12:15 PM).

Help support the Egg Hunt and register children before Friday, March 30 by bringing in a dozen stuffed allergy friendly (no nuts, no dairy, no chocolate) plastic egg (eggs taped together so they will not open) with your child's name & age/grade attached to the bag/container that holds the eggs. Eggs are to be dropped off in the box outside Leila Denton's office. Visitors on Easter are more than welcome with no pre-registration.

If you have questions, contact Leila Denton, ldenton@trinityumc.net.



Concerts for Haiti

The music ministry will be sponsoring two concerts in the coming months which will benefit our collegiate trip to Haiti. The first, an organ recital by Richmond superstar, Daniel Stipe, will be on **Sunday, April 8**. The second, featuring our choir and handbells, will be on **May 6**. Both events will begin at 7 PM in our Sanctuary. Come and fill your hearts with music!



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, April 10** from **6:30-8:00 PM** at **Ardent Brewery** in Scott's Addition (3200 W. Leigh St. Richmond, VA 23230). Trinity's ministers will hold forth and field questions. What a great opportunity to invite your unchurched friends!



UMW April Program Service Day

Our busy hands spring service day is filled with various projects for local missions and focusing on things within the walls of our church. Mark your calendar to join us on **Tuesday, April 10** in the Mastin Room from 10 AM to 12:00 PM, as we give of ourselves to others. Everyone is invited to attend and scatter joy to others!



Young at Heart Events

Tuesday, April 17 9:45 AM – 2 PM

Join us for a trip to the Virginia War Memorial where our guide will be our own Jay Robinson. We will also see a couple of movies while there. Following our time at the War Memorial, we will journey to the University of Richmond for lunch.

Please register by Sunday, April 15. We will leave from behind Trinity Hall at 9:45 AM.

Coming Soon!

July Dinner at Tanglewood Ordinary, We're headed back to our favorite restaurant for a night of good food and fellowship.

Wednesday, August 22

Join us as we travel to Riverside Theater in Fredericksburg to see "A Chorus Line". We will leave at 9:45 AM and return around 5:30 PM. Cost is \$60 per person, all inclusive (lunch, play, taxes and gratuity). Sign-ups will be in May and June. Friends are welcome!

Munchies and Movement

Come join the active adult's aerobics class on **Thursday, April 12** at 10:30 AM in Trinity Hall. There will be homemade goodies to munch on after 20-30 minutes of fun cardio aerobics. This event will be free for everyone to attend so tell your friends and neighbors in the area to come out and have a great time of fun, food and friendship!



Creation Care Sunday

Trinity's Creation Care Sunday on **April 22** coincides with the 48th annual Earth Day celebrations worldwide. A lot of progress has been made since 1970 in many areas, such as air pollution and litter reduction, but plastics pollution is now a major threat to God's creation.

What can you do?

Practice the 5 R's! Some examples:

- **Reduce:** Select products without plastic packaging.
- **Refuse:** Don't accept straws at restaurants unthinkingly.
- **Reuse:** Avoid single-use products like water bottles.
- **Recycle:** Learn what you can recycle. Did you know that CVWMA now recycles any plastic bottles or containers with a #1-#7 on the bottom?
- **Remove:** Get involved in clean-up projects! The James River Association removed over 36,000 pounds of plastic/litter last year (including work done by Trinity's Reach Out RVA group).

Check out the display case and bulletin board for more information later this month.

Consumer choices make a difference. Be part of the solution!

Gathering at Gayton Terrace

Join us on **Tuesday, April 24**, at 3:30 PM as we visit our members and guest residing at Gayton Terrace. We gather in the Bistro area of the lobby to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, music and worship. Contact Susie Hildebrand at 740-7490 or shildebrand@verizon.net to volunteer.

Weekly Journey Prayer Group

The Journey Prayer group meets every **Monday, at 11:45 AM** in the Chapel. Come join us as we pray weekly for our church, our community and our world.

Coffee with the Pastors

Are you new to Trinity? On the first Sunday of every month, Pastors Larry and Drew will be hanging out in the parlor for coffee, questions, and holy conversation with new folks. Follow signs to the parlor at 12:15 PM. Starting **May 6**.

United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM)

On **Saturday, May 12**, from 9 AM – 4 PM, Trinity will be offering the UMVIM training course certification. This course qualifies a person to become a mission trip leader. If you are interested in signing up for this course, please contact Bill Pike via e-mail: bpike@trinityumc.net.

Fresh Food and Family Fun Nights

In cooperation with Grow RVA, Trinity will offer a Farmers Market, Food Trucks, and Live Music on **May 24, June 21, July 26, and August 16**. More details will be announced soon.

Outreach Summer Forum

The dates for the Outreach Summer Forum are **June 24, July 29, and August 26**. Speakers will be announced at a later date.



Attention all Trinity Golfers!

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Trinity 'Father's Day' Golf event. **Saturday, June 16** at The Hollows Golf Club in Montpelier. Captain's choice format, \$50 per player. Get your 4-somes together or participate as a single and we will form additional teams. Contact Gray Booker, Jordan Utley or Doug Rechenbach for more information. Sign up information will be provided later in April.

Connect with a new Small Group this year!

In 2018, we are getting people connected to each other and to God through new small groups. These small groups will meet regularly to share four simple practices from Acts 2:42:

- devotion to apostles' teachings (Bible study/application)
- fellowship
- breaking bread (sharing a meal)
- prayer

Why small groups? If you feel disconnected these days, you're not alone. United Methodist church leaders Jacob and Rachel Armstrong write, "Strangely, even though technology has given us many more ways of connecting, people report higher levels of loneliness and despair than ever before. Anxiety runs rampant, depression leaves us cold and dark."¹¹

To begin connecting with a small group, please fill in this information about your availability and how we can contact you. Go to trinityumc.net/small-groups.

If you have additional questions, contact Drew Willson (dwillson@trinityumc.net).



Blood Drive

Sunday, April 8 is our next Blood Drive from 8 AM – 12:30 PM in Trinity Hall, presented by Virginia Blood Services. When you take time to donate blood, you help save lives. Once again, Chef Ronnie Johnson's Breakfast Bistro Café will offer English Muffin Egg sandwiches. To sign up to donate:

1. Go to <https://donateblood.vablood.org/> and enter your user id and password **or register**.
2. On the next page you'll see an area that says, "Schedule Your Appointment Today" with a calendar underneath. Select 4/7/18 to 4/8/18.
3. Scroll down in the box and find Trinity UMC.
4. Click Trinity UMC and click "Select".
5. On the next page chose the time you would like to donate.
6. Click "Confirm Appointment".

DATES TO KNOW

- March 25th
 - Palm Sunday
- March 29th
 - Maundy Thursday
- March 30th
 - Good Friday
 - Scholarship Applications due
- April 1st
 - Easter
- April 7th
 - VA Home Walk n Roll
- April 21st
 - Next Gen Summit
- April 27th
 - Spring Lock-In

Weekly Happenings

- Sunday Night Youth Group
 - 5:00-7:00 PM in Trinity Hall
- Wednesday Fellowship Night
 - 5:30 PM in Trinity Hall

Follow us on Instagram:

@tumc_youth

Sign up for weekly emails

<http://trinityumc.net/email-updates/>

Summer mission trip info

<http://trinityumc.net/youth-mission-trips-summer-2018/>

Youth at Trinity

Spring Lock-In

This is a night filled with fun and games. Don't miss out on a night to remember with all of your friends!



Before picture at a previous lock-in

On April 27th at 6:00 PM, the youth of Trinity and their friends will gather in Trinity Hall for the Spring Lock-In. This will be a night of fellowship designed for everyone to have fun, make new friends, and develop existing friendships. If you are interested in attending, please sign up for the weekly emails in the side column and be on the lookout for the sign-up this week. You don't want to miss out on this event!

March in Review

Spring Retreat at Camp Willow Run

March 9th-11th, was our annual Spring Retreat at Camp Willow Run. This was a fantastic weekend for the 38 people involved. We had a great time on the climbing walls and giant swing, as well as 9-square and canoeing. We discussed in our group times how we can encounter God in scripture, prayer, nature, communion, and community. Thanks to all who went!

Teen Taught Technology with Young at Heart

Young at Heart and the youth group partnered up for a night of intergenerational fellowship and learning. I think everyone left with more knowledge about their technology than when they came in. A big thank you to the youth who helped lead the learning process!

Children At Trinity



Children's Worship Service April 15

Join us for this special day! This is the 25th year that the children of Trinity will do the entire worship service. This year the children will be leading three services, 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 on Sunday, April 15. Children's choirs will be singing at the 9:30 & 11:00 services. If you have any questions, contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net.



Bibles Presented to Kindergarteners Sunday, May 6

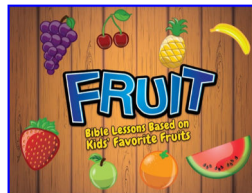
The Children's Ministry Council is proud to host the annual Kindergarten Bible Ceremony and Reception on Sunday, May 6, at 9:30 AM in **Eaton Hall**. An invitation with details and an RSVP card will be arriving in the mail. Our appreciation and thanks go to the McClure Bible Study class for the gift of these beautiful Bibles. Contact Denise Lombardi or Lisa Hart (deniselombardi@comcast.net or lisahhart@msn.com) with any questions or if you do not receive your invitation.

Trinity Community Playdate

YOU AND YOUR PRESCHOOL AGED CHILD ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING TO PLAY AND MINGLE! JUICE, DONUTS, AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 FROM 10:00-11:30 ON THE TRINITY PLAYGROUND

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LEILA LDENTON@TRINITYUMC.NET



Favorite Fruits "Sweet" 9:30 Summer Sunday School!

God created a world full of yummy fruits that are sweet to eat and also give us the vitamins and minerals our bodies need to stay healthy. These fruits will show us some of the other great blessings God has given us in this world, as well as ways He wants us to live. Kids will learn to be thankful for things God has blessed them with, and learn ways they can serve God and stay connected to Him. We have already begun to brainstorm ways to engage the kids, but we need your help and want your ideas, too. Contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net if you wish to be a part of the summer planning fun.

Children's Choirs for the Spring

Wednesday, 4/4 - No Rehearsal:
Spring Break
Sunday, 4/15 - all choirs ~ Children's Worship Services
9:30 & 11:00 AM

Wednesday, 4/18 - Spring Concert
5:00 PM Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
6:30 PM Children's Choir Concert in the Sanctuary

Sunday, 5/6 - 7:00 PM - Treble Singers, Music Ministry Concert

Questions, contact Pat Ruscus patavid@comcast.net



Vacation Bible School 2018 July 23 - 27, 9 AM - Noon Kids on an Impacting Island Adventure!

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. The activities help faith flow into real life. Kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life - something we call "God Sightings"

Our VBS Directors: Jan Benton cwbenton@epix.net, 607-206-6677, Krystal Hawke krystalhawke@gmail.com, 540-421-1659 and Natalie Russell, 497-0168 or natalie.russell08@gmail.com, are looking for your commitment to help! Teachers, leaders and helpers sign yourself and your family up today!
www.myvbs.org/TrinityUMCRichmond.



Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity Family,

I am so very grateful for the love, support and compassion you have given Julian and me. The prayers, care cards, visits, altar flowers, and UMW seasonal remembrances brightened his days and mine.

Love,
Betsy Adkins

Dear Trinity Members and Staff,

Thanks so much for the prayers, cards and flowers. They have meant so much to both of us.

Love,
Carole and Ben Boxley

Thank you all for all the cards, wonderful meals, and powerful prayers. We have been overwhelmed by such an outpouring of love. You are a tremendous blessing to us.

Milt and Barbara Burton

My Trinity Family,

You are a true blessing to me. The cards, meals, phone calls, visits and kindness has helped so much! God is definitely working through you all. I feel the prayers everyday.

Thank you from my heart.
See you soon.
Big Love, **Diane Dodson**

Thank You United Methodist Women

On behalf of Church Council, the Finance Committee, and the Trustees, we thank Trinity's United Methodist Women for their Harvest Day donation to the property fund. The amount of \$5,272 will be put to good use. This generosity is greatly appreciated by our Trustees.



CARITAS

CARITAS is fast approaching.

Trinity will be hosting CARITAS **May 5-18, 2018**. We are hosting the Family Focus Program, which provides shelter to mothers and fathers along with their children.

Many of our Small Groups and Sunday School Classes will be providing dinner each night. Check with your Small Group or Class to find out how you can help with the meal they are providing. If you have never helped with CARITAS before please consider helping in one of the following ways. We need people to wash laundry (personal or towels), people to help with the Saturday set-up and cleanup days, and people to spend time with our guests after dinner. Families are invited to come and help any night to help serve a meal, help with homework, or be a friend to one of the CARITAS kids.

Volunteers are also needed to spend the night at the church from 8:00 PM to 6:30 AM. Responsibilities include turning the lights in Trinity Hall on and off, setting out the continental breakfast for the guests, taking out the trash the next morning, distribute the already prepared lunches in the morning, and generally watching over the church facility.

If you would like to help with this ministry or for more information about how to get involved, please visit the CARITAS table in the Connection Alley. Please sign up to help by Sunday, April 29 so final preparations can be made.



The Hermitage-Richmond

Hidden Treasures at Hermitage -Richmond took in \$2,130 on February 23. The next opening will be March 23. A new list of

Volunteer Opportunities will be posted in various places at Trinity. These include gift shop attendant, Bingo assistant, trip escort, visitation, and many other opportunities. Call Meredith Eckel at (804) 474-1888 if interested.

The Guild voted to donate \$35,750 of profit from Hidden Treasures for various needs at Hermitage-Richmond. These include new dishes for areas there, Auto Vital machines, weights and exercise equipment, art supplies, wood blinds for the parlor, and many other items.

On Service Day, April 10, we will head a group to Hermitage-Richmond in order to visit those who often might not have company. If interested in joining us, please call Marble Jones (740-8002) or Nancy Miller (740-3772).

We continue to appreciate items donated to Hidden Treasures. Please be sure everything is in good condition in order that it can be sold.

Serve Opportunities

Sherbourne Food Pantry

During the Stewardship campaign, we learned from Bob Copeland, Manager of the Sherbourne Food Pantry, just how critical the food donations from Trinity are. Here are some reminders:

- First Sunday of the month is our collection day. We currently collect 10-20 bags. Sherbourne needs us to improve.
- It is helpful in the transportation process if you double bag your groceries. Please no glass containers.
- Canned vegetables, fruits, soup, tuna fish, pasta, and peanut butter are consistently in need.
- Cereal is in high demand.
- Our donations are supplemented with fresh fruits and vegetables from Feed More. But, sometimes Feed More's shelves are depleted. When this happens, Trinity's donations are critical.

Sherbourne is thankful for your support!!

Summer is coming - register now for Summer Camp at Westview on the James!

Westview has fun camp sessions for children ages 6 to 17.

Find out more online at www.westviewonthejames.org or call us at 804-457-4210. And - be sure to put our **Open House** on your calendar (**Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 12:30pm-4:30 pm.**) and come tour the camp, try some fun activities, meet our awesome staff, and enjoy some lunch and refreshments on us. We're looking forward to seeing you out at Westview!



Old Cell Phones Needed

Please donate your old cell phones (*with chargers, without service contracts, and with personal information removed*) to the YWCA's Women's Advocacy Program to be given to survivors of abuse to call 911. Bring them to Missions Central, the room down the hall from the church office toward the sanctuary, and leave them in the designated receptacle there. This is a great way to recycle and could save someone's life!

(Anne Burch, 270-1661)

Box Tops for Education Update



Thank you for your continuing support for the church's box tops for education campaign. This year the recipient for our box tops for education is Tuckahoe Middle School. Since we started monitoring the number of box tops donated to the schools in late 2016, we have donated the following:

2016: UMFS Charter House School: 1,039 box tops at .10 each or \$103.90

2017: Oak Grove Belle Meade: 1,268 box tops at .10 each or \$126.80

January to March 12, 2018: Tuckahoe Middle School: 386 box tops at .10 each or \$38.60

This may seem so minimal in amount but each school can collect as much as the maximum of \$20,000 for their unbudgeted operational needs if we step up our campaign to help them with our share of box tops for education. It is easy to do. You only have to be conscientious about cutting them from the products that offer them and then drop them at the designated box in the Mission Center in Church. Can we count on you to help the designated school this year? Thank you for your generosity.



Joys and Concerns

Birth

Reagan Elizabeth Mathias born on March 8 to Beth and Jeff Mathias. Her grandparents are Scott and Ann Strickler. Her great-grandmother is Mary Ann Robins.

Paisley Reese Burnham born on February 26 to Sarah and Matt Burnham. Her grandparents are Suzanne and Frank Ridgway.

Emmaline Jane Clark born on February 24 to Sara and Eric Clark. Her grandparents are Jane and Doug Rechenbach.

Baptisms

Hodges Ash, Wells Ash, Owen Zimmerman

New Members

Amber Irvin, Corey Irvin, Ryan Ash, Carrie Ash, Michael Larkum, Jenny Larkum

Our sympathies to...

The family of Jean Cardwell who died March 3

Julianna Seely whose brother Amos Laine died February 26

The family of Jacob Stanley who died February 26

Phyllis Whitaker whose sister died February 23

Tom Latham whose sister Barbara Latham died February 23

The family of Genevieve Collier who died February 21

The family of Don Pierce who died February 18

Consultation Update – March

(Note: Specific data and substance will be provided in a full report to the congregation later in the process. The following is attended merely as an update on what is happening and how the process is unfolding.)

Leadership Team

Sandy Berry	Ann Marie Blackmon	Gray Booker
Dave Clelland	Stephanie Ford	Melissa Holmes
Larry Lenow	Bryce Miller	Bill Pike
Becky Roish	Debbie Stocks	Drew Willson

On Sunday, March 4, from noon until 4:00 PM our Team had our first meeting with Amy Anderson, Director of Consulting, The Unstuck Group. The meeting began with Amy introducing herself to us, giving us a snapshot of her spiritual and professional life. Our team also shared with Amy a bit about ourselves. After introductions, Amy pushed us to develop a modern timeline of Trinity. Our timeframe was 1986 to the present. Using seven categories (*Events, Ministries, Attendance, Those Reached, Staffing, Finances, other*) we compiled a timeline to help us carefully capture the life of the church.

The next segment was titled Four Helpful Lists. Four questions related to the life of the church were the target: *What's right? What's wrong? What is confusing? What is missing?* Lists were compiled. Afterward each member was given four votes for which four items are most important. This led to a culling to a short list of Core Issues. We did not deal with them, rather we identified them for future discussion.

Next Amy shared with us results of Vital Signs data Trinity had provided to the Unstuck Group and summarized them in the categories of Attendance Change; Ratio of Guests to Attenders; Change in Professions of Faith; Percentage of Attenders Serving; Ratio of Children to Attenders; Per Capita Giving. Based on this data, Amy identified Trinity's position on the Church Life Cycle Bell Curve from the book *The Unstuck Church* by Tony Morgan (available in the Church office.)

From there, Amy gave us a brief snapshot of future meetings, and then she closed out with a prayer. Overall a successful afternoon, with a good template in place for our next meetings.

Bill Pike & Larry Lenow

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	3/4	3/11	3/18	3/25
Worship Service	478	416	467	651
Sunday School	294	281	268	342

Our Gifts as of February 28:

Projected income to date:	\$ 1,122,690.00
Actual income year to date:	\$ 1,124,227.04
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ 1,537.04

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, April 16 at 4 PM for events taking place in May.** Articles may be submitted prior to the deadline, and we encourage early submissions. Submit articles to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.