

# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Corner

June 2018



For Methodist clergy in Virginia June is a big month. This is when we convene for our Annual Conference (June 15-17, Hampton VA). It always leads me to reflection. With this Annual Conference I will conclude five (and start my sixth) year appointed as your pastor here at Trinity. It is a joy and a privilege that I do not take for granted. (Time flies when you're having fun!) I want you to know that I am honored and humbled to be part of such a glorious history of ministry here. And I am energized and enthusiastic about our future ministry together. What a joy it is to serve God side by side with you!

Annual Conference also reminds me of what a privilege it is to serve within, and what a rich legacy we have in our United Methodist tradition. Adam Hamilton has spoken of how proud he is to be a United Methodist, observing that we are the only sacramental church that is evangelical in spirit. That is to say that true to our Anglican based heritage we have a high respect for the sacraments and rites of the church through the centuries. But also sharing in the tradition of the Circuit Riders and camp meetings we take very seriously need for personal response and the freedom of the movement of the Spirit. That is a dynamic combination that, I believe, greatly enriches the Kingdom. Bishop Lewis has asked me to be our ecumenical officer, representing the Virginia Conference to the Virginia Council of Churches and to LARCUM (the Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Methodist covenant.) I am happy to play that part and as such I see the role we play in, and the distinctive contribution we make to, the greater Church.

Like me, you probably take all this for granted most of the time. But every once in a while, it's good to reflect. I'm looking forward *to going to* Annual Conference this year and being who I am - a Methodist preacher. I'm looking forward even more *to returning from* Annual Conference and continuing to serve our Lord. Thank you for sharing your ministry with me. God is indeed good!

Blessings,



## Virginia Annual Conference

The Virginia Annual Conference, over 3000 strong, will meet **June 15-17** at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia. This year's theme is "Servant Leaders, Making a Difference" from I Peter 4:10. On Saturday afternoon conference attendees will be participating in a "Great Day of Service", doing hands on mission in the Hampton area.

Besides Trinity's clergy – Larry Lenow, Drew Willson and Judy Oguich - Trinity will be represented by our lay delegates, Art Utley and Carol and Jim Crowder. Retired clergy associated with Trinity will also attend - Bill Bare, Doug Hill, Jim Noland, Don Seely and Tim Gerde. Leila Denton and Bill Pike will also be in attendance as Richmond District delegates.

Please remember to keep our annual conference and its delegates in your prayers as they meet in June.

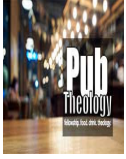
## Trinity's Charge Conference

Trinity will be holding our 2018 Charge Conference on **Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 PM** in **Trinity Hall**. Plans for the next year will be discussed. Members of the Church Council are voting members of the Charge Conference, but all Trinity members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



## 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 on **June 3**.



## Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, June 12** 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!



## 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. To sign up go to [trinityumc.net/news](http://trinityumc.net/news).



## Father's Day Attire Reminder

On **Sunday, June 17**, all the men of Trinity are invited to ditch the tie and sport coat, and wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt in honor of Father's Day.

Summer Forum



## Outreach Summer Forum

Location: Trinity Hall  
Time: 9:30-10:30 AM

Guest speakers:

**June 24** Jamelle S. Wilson, Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies at the University of Richmond  
**July 29** Ryan Ahlgrim, Pastor First Mennonite Church of Richmond, author of two books: Not as the Scribes and Sick Religion or Healthy Faith?

**August 26** Steve Miller, United States Attorney, Eastern District Virginia

We hope you will join us.



## Fresh Food Fest

When: **June 21, July 26, and August 16**

Where: Forest Avenue grounds of the church

Time: 4-7 PM

We are all too busy. Our calendars are packed. So, here is an opportunity to slow down. In collaboration with GROW RVA, come out on these four Thursdays and treat yourself and your family to a farmers market, food trucks, and live music.

We know you have enjoyed the live music and food trucks in the past, and this year we are adding a farmers market. GROW RVA is the same organization that puts together the exciting South of the James Farmers Market. This summer, they are lending their skills in providing us a sampling of the farmers and food trucks who appear at South of the James.

If you have questions, contact Bryce Miller or Bill Pike.



## Young at Heart Upcoming Events

### Thursday, June 28, 6 PM

Come join us as we travel to our favorite local eatery – Tanglewood Ordinary! We will take reservations in June; cost is \$25 all inclusive. Payment will be due at registration.

### Wednesday, August 22, 9:45 AM – 5:30 PM

We will travel to the Riverside Theater in Fredericksburg to see the matinee performance of "A Chorus Line". Cost is \$60, all inclusive (lunch, beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity). Registration will take place in June to make our deposit deadline in July.

All are welcome to join us for these events – Trinity members and friends of Trinity members!



## Save the Date

Trinity will be going to the Faith and Family Night at the Diamond to see the Flying Squirrels on **Thursday, August 9**. Mark your calendars to join your fellow congregation members. Everyone that went last year had a great time. Gates open at 5:30 PM and the game starts at 6:35 PM. Ticket prices are \$8. Deadline to sign up is August 3! There will be fireworks after the game. Tickets will be picked up from Kim Tingler either in the church office or before the game.

To sign up go to <http://trinityumc.net/news/faith-night/>



## Trinity Co-Rec Softball

Trinity is forming a co-ed softball team for this summer. Games will be Tuesday nights starting Tuesday, May 29 at 8 PM at Quioccasin Middle through the summer. All of our games will be a Quioccasin Middle School (9400 Quioccasin Road). Softball is a great way to connect with other members throughout the church. Make it a family affair and bring the kids to watch you play. We have 8 teams in the league, including some of our favorites like St. Peter's Baptist, Reveille UMC, Capital Alehouse, and Etz Insurance. Games will either start at 6:30 PM or 8 PM. If you are interested, contact Paul Brooks at 285-1407 or [jpbrooks@vcu.edu](mailto:jpbrooks@vcu.edu). Also, look for a signup sheet in the Welcome Center.



## Trinity Choir

Why not try out the choir for the summer? We might invite you to stay on... we might not! Since most people do some traveling during the summer, we often find our numbers sagging a bit. Since potential new members often visit in the summer, we certainly don't want our numbers to sag. See the disconnect here? Maybe you can be our missing link! Wednesdays at 7!



## Medical Training/CPR Certification/First Aid

Trinity is a busy place. A lot of people come through our building each week. With that information in mind, it would be helpful for us to know who in our congregation has medical training as a doctor, EMT, or nurse. Additionally, if you have completed the course work for First Aid or CPR, this also would be helpful for us to know. If one of these categories applies to you, please let Bill Pike know. He can be reached via phone: 804-288-6056, Ext. 211 or e-mail: [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net).

## Samaritan Fund

Be sure to remember the Samaritan Fund Drive between Mother's Day and Father's Day. This helps to assure care in United Methodist Homes for seniors who may have outlived their resources. Cards are available in the Welcome Center if you'd like to honor or remember someone now or at any time. Checks are payable to TUMC with "Samaritan Fund" written on the memo line. Envelopes are available in the pews or you may make an online donation.



## Attention Trinity High School and College Seniors

Senior recognition Sunday is **June 10**. Trinity Foundation scholarships will be announced at the 11AM service and all graduates will be listed in the bulletin insert. Stop by the display case to see the pictures of our graduates. We hope you will be present on June 10 to help us celebrate this milestone in our young adult's lives. If you have any questions, call Cyndi Worsham at 314-5906.



## Trinity's Preschool and Parent's Morning Out

Do you know someone looking for a Parent's Morning Out program or Preschool program? Trinity Preschool has available places for children ages 1 through 5 for this coming school year. If you know of someone who is looking for a program for their child, please share this information with them! The Trinity Preschool phone number is 288-6058.



## 2018 Good Shepherd Awards Presented

Since 1994, the Work Area on Education has given "Good Shepherd" Awards at its annual May event. This award is given to those who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the educational ministry of our church.

### This year's recipients are:

- Melissa Holmes – UMYF volunteer, youth chaperone
- Jan Benton – Vacation Bible School Co-Director 2017 and 2018
- Kristen Weir – teacher for fourth grade
- Gail Hawes – teacher for third and fifth grades
- Jonathan Hawes – teacher for FaithWorks Sunday School class
- Sara Winterhoff – teacher for CrossTrainers
- Brian Winterhoff – teacher for our senior high youth
- Elizabeth Dwyer – teacher for Seekers Book Discussion Class
- Barry Schmitt - teacher for Life Choices Sunday School Class
- Deanna McCullough – leader/teacher for women's bible study this past fall and winter
- Linda Robinson - coordinator of our acolyte program – teaches us all about worship
- Courtenay Brooks – taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School this year; Education Committee Chair

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers! You are the gardeners of our souls, planting seeds that help us grow into disciples of our Great Shepherd. We appreciate you!

## DATES TO KNOW

- June 10
  - Graduation Sunday
- June 14
  - First Thursday Night Youth Group
- June 21
  - Fresh Food Fest 4-7PM
- June 22-30
  - Mission Trip to Alabama
- June 28
  - Thursday Night Youth Group

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## Weekly Happenings

- Thursday Night Youth Group
  - Starts June 14
- Summer Sunday School 9:30 AM Sunday Room 308
  - Starts June 17

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@tumc\_youth

Sign up for weekly emails

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

# Youth at Trinity

## Thursday Night Youth Group

Stay connected with your friends throughout the summer! We will meet on Thursdays all summer for a variety of activities. Fun days out on the town and maybe even a trip down the river. Sign up for the weekly emails for more information very soon!

## May in Review

### Youth Sunday

In all three services on Sunday, May 13, the youth lead worship. The youth did everything from ushering and scripture reading to leading music and giving the sermon. Thank you to all who participated!

### Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, May 20, twenty 6<sup>th</sup> Graders made their first profession of faith in front of their church family. Over the past six months these students have been a part of a confirmation class that has learned about what it means to be a Christian and a Methodist. Congratulations!!!

### Roast and Toast

The evening of May 20 was a night of celebration for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and seniors. Thanks to all who came out and supported these students.



*Abby Oquich, Mary Katherine McCullough, Jessica Bodie*

After a fabulous dinner of fried chicken and all the fixings, the Youth Group presented the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders with satirical skits about them. It was a night filled with laughter and smiles, as well as a couple tears when we rolled through the senior slide show!

# Children At Trinity



## 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. Sign up to help <http://bit.ly/FRUITsummersundayschool> if you wish to be a part of the summer fun.



## Vacation Bible School 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](mailto:cwbenton@epix.net), 607-206-6677, Krystal Hawke [krystalhawke@gmail.com](mailto:krystalhawke@gmail.com), 307-5001 and Natalie Russell, 497-0168 or [natalie.russell08@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.myvbs.org/TrinityUMCRichmond).



## Kids Can - Summer Days of Mission and Service Children (and parents) Called to Care

### kids can!

We have set aside the dates below as days of mission and service for kids and parents interested in

making a difference. Mark your calendars and plan to join us to serve!!

- \* **Mission Monday - June 18, 10 AM to 3 PM**  
Painting pots for VCU students (Pace Center), Baking cookies for fire department and Playing BINGO with elderly at the Hermitage
- \* **We Share Wednesday - July 11- 9AM to 3 PM –**  
Sherbourne UMC Food Pantry
- \* **True Giving Thursday - August 2 – 8:30 AM to 3 PM –**  
Shalom Farms

All kids through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome, however those that have just completed kindergarten or younger, must have an adult participate with them.

To sign at <http://bit.ly/KIDSCAN> or contact Leila Denton [ldenton@trinityumc.net](mailto:ldenton@trinityumc.net) if interested.



## Trinity Welcomes the 2018 Confirmation Class!

Trinity's newest members:

Erica Axtell	Walker Bristow
Catherine Dodson	Sydney Duerson
Matthew Estes	Mackenzie Fellows
Sarah Ford	Adaline Glassman
Nora Lombardi	Allison McCullough
Lizzie McCullough	Nina McGinnis
Kaleigh McPhail	Catherine Mottley
Trenten Quinlan	Ellie Grace Robinson
Kate Sanne	Charles Saunders
Mason Shepherd	Caroline Verdery



## Unstuck Consultation

On Tuesday, May 15, Amy Anderson, Director of Consulting, from the Unstuck Group conducted a work session with our program staff and two representatives from Staff Parish, Melissa Holmes and Doug Rechenbach. Melissa and Doug were observers to keep Staff Parish up to speed on the process.

Prior to this meeting, all participants had two assignments to complete. We each completed an assessment grounded in leadership: Leading from Your Strengths. This was followed by an exercise named 4 Helpful Lists.

Tuesday morning, Amy introduced herself and quickly moved to a reading from I Corinthians 12:12-19, One Body with Many Parts. Her point was our body has systems, buildings have systems, and churches have systems, and in each of those examples is an inter-connectedness.

From there, we shifted to focus on an exercise that related to decision rights, buy in, and time. Amy connected us to assessing our Natural Strengths Chart followed by our Strengths Movement Chart. Linked to both of these assessments was the Strengths Wheel. With this, we plotted into the wheel where our strengths fell. This whole process was very valuable as it gave us a snapshot of how our strengths aligned as a team.

After lunch, we worked with the 4 Helpful Lists, but the goal here was to really narrow our assessments into two categories: What's Right and What's Wrong. Multiple angles emerged from this process, and we used the colors of the spotlight to assess the key areas.

Around 2 PM the program staff was permitted to dismiss, and Melissa, Larry, and Doug stayed to work with Amy a bit longer.

Overall, the day was insightful and helpful to the program staff. We learned how our strengths impact our work and we identified potential areas for growth and improvement.

*Larry Lenow and Bill Pike*



## Thank You Notes

Dear Church family,  
Larry and I wish to express our deep appreciation for all your cards, food, gifts, kind words and prayers. You all have sustained us through a difficult time. We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving congregation. We thank God for you. Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely,  
*Amy Lenow*

To the staff and members of Trinity United Methodist church, I would like to express my appreciation for the love, care and kindness you have given to my family. I know how honored they are and how much they enjoy serving and being a part of Trinity UMC.

May God Bless you all,  
*Mary Ann Lenow*

# Serve Opportunities

## Sherbourne Food Pantry

- 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.

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## Shalom Farms

Get out those gardening gloves on **June 30** and plan to join Trinity members as we volunteer at Shalom Farms. This is a great opportunity for families to work together for a wonderful cause. We will leave Trinity at 8:30 and return by 12:30. For questions, more info, or to sign up, contact Teresa Given at [tdagiven@gmail.com](mailto:tdagiven@gmail.com)

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## 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 Bell Meade: 1,268 box tops at .10 each or \$126.80

January to May 14: Tuckahoe Middle School: 590 box tops at .10 each or \$59.00

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 Mission Center. Can we count on you to help the designated school this year? Thank you for your generosity.

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## Annual Mattaponi Healing Eagle Trip

Mark your calendars for the annual church-wide drive for the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic Day on **Saturday, July 14**. Bring your donations of over-the-counter (OTC) medicines & supplies to the Mission Central room on or before the deadline of collection on Friday, July 13. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, mail checks (check payable to MHEC) to Janet M. Sommerville, 6161 River Road #38, Richmond, Virginia 23226.

The Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic is moving to the Upper Mattaponi Reservation. The new location is at 13383 King William Road, King William, VA 23086. Several providers that volunteer their time to help at the Clinic will continue to help with the medical care of all Native Americans in Virginia and now also those in the North Carolina area at least once a month. The medical students (usually 3<sup>rd</sup> year students) will also continue to help at the Clinic all through the school year.

A copy of the updated wish list can be obtained in Connection Alley.



## Joys and Concerns

### Births

*Tucker Jordan Utley born on May 1 to Kyle and Jordan Utley. His grandparents are Art and Mary Berth Utley.  
Royston Byrd Booker born on May 11 to Corey and Gray Booker. His grandparents are Brad and Jan Booker.*

### Baptism

*Kinsley Vidler, Libbie Gay, Rex Gay, Whit Mathews*

### Wedding

*Congratulations to the following couple who were recently married:*

*Mary Margaret Watson and Andrew Wroten who were married on May 5*

### Our sympathies to...

*The family of Andy Anderson who died May 11*

*The family of Melva Garbett who died May 8*

*George King whose son George King IV, died May 7, he was also the brother of Susan King*

*The family of Davis Bottom who died April 28*

*The family of Dick McRoberts who died April 27*

*Anne McWilliams whose step-mother Allene Crockett died April 27*

## UMW May Banquet and Program

Trinity UMW welcomed **Leila Denton**, Director of Children's Ministries and **Bryce Miller**, Director of Youth Ministries to the May 1 Banquet in Trinity Hall. They shared the programs of teaching and guiding Trinity's Children and Youth in their life experiences and faith journey.

Both groups have busy schedules throughout the year and special emphasis takes place during the summer breaks from school. Leila and Bryce shared some great videos and photos of all the children doing activities, recent retreats and mission activities at home and outside the community, plus talking about upcoming programs.

All in attendance participated in an exercise that involved teamwork. It was rewarding and amusing as each table group laughed, and failed to follow the rules! Fun activities and working together is a big part of all youth ministries to show the importance of interaction to create great ideas and be successful together. It is apparent that both Leila and Bryce are skilled leaders who love their students and share their faith and caring spirits.

A delicious covered dish dinner was enjoyed by everyone- thanks for sharing. The UMW will begin a new year on September 11 as we say good-bye to our current President, Sharon Wenger and welcome Stacy Campbell as the new President.



## 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	5/6	5/13	5/20	5/27
Worship Service	446	479	551	
Sunday School	372	273	241	

### Our Gifts as of April 30:

Projected income to date:	\$ 1,381,580.00
Actual income year to date:	\$ 1,382,525.94
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ 945.94



## Fiscal Year Ends June 30, 2018

This is just a reminder that June 30, 2018 marks the end of the current fiscal year. Pledge contributions need to be in the church office by June 30, 2018 or postmarked by June 30, 201. Should you have any questions feel free to contact Diane Ladd at 288-6057 ext. 203.



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, June 18 at 4 PM for events taking place in July.** Articles may be submitted prior to the deadline, and we encourage early submissions. Articles must be submitted in writing with the contact person's name to Kim Tingler, [ktingler@trinityumc.net](mailto:ktingler@trinityumc.net).