

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

August 2018

"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." John 17:11

As Jesus prepares for his passion and death, he prays for his disciples. He prays for the unity of the Church, "so that they may be one, as we are one." Say whatever else you want, Jesus knows his Church! Like every other family we have our fights and our quarrels. Relax, there's not something going on at Trinity that you don't know about; I'm referring to our United Methodist family.

For the past forty years the United Methodist Church, along with other denominations and society as a whole has been wrestling with our understanding of sexuality and in particular same-sex orientation. This may come as a great shock but there are differences of opinion and understanding! Brothers and sisters in the faith differ in how we interpret scripture, how we understand biology and how we treat one another.

At the 2016 General Conference (General Conference leads the church at the *global* level) at a point when schism seemed an immanent possibility the Bishops were asked to lead. In response to this plea the Bishops established a Commission On A Way Forward to bring possible plans to a special session of the General Conference. This session was called for the expressed purpose of dealing with this issue. That called General Conference session will be held in February 2019, eight months from now.

Trinity will be holding an event on **Tuesday, August 7** at 6:30 PM to unpack the issues. We will hear information, reflect, and discuss. We're going to make an evening of it. So, I would ask that you bring a dessert to share (Methodists reflect and discuss much better when we share dessert). I would also ask that you bring an open heart, a loving spirit, a willingness to listen to others, and your very best behavior. After all... we are family.

Blessings,

2019 General Conference Meeting
Tuesday, August 7 6:30pm
Trinity Hall

Reach Out RVA 2.0

On Friday, September 7, Saturday, September 8, and Sunday, September 9, Trinity will sponsor our second Reach Out RVA weekend. This is an opportunity for Trinity to participate in hands-on support for multiple nonprofits and local government agencies in our Richmond community.

All information for Reach Out 2.0 will be on the church's website. This will include a description of the work at each site, time frame, directions to the site, along with clothing, tool, and permission/waiver requirements. Each site will have a designated point of contact person from Trinity to answer questions and to coordinate the activities for the day.

We have worked carefully with each agency to reserve the appropriate number of volunteer slots. Signing up will be done on-line via the church's website. If you do not have the capacity to sign-up on-line, simply contact the church office. Paula Cadden or Kim Tingle can complete the sign-up with you. This is really important: once slots are filled for a site, additional sign-ups will not be allowed. So, don't delay in signing up! Also, some serving opportunities might be designated specifically for young families. Additionally, for your comfort and safety it is critical that you pay close attention to the clothing, tool, and permission/waiver requirements established by each nonprofit. Please make sure you follow these guidelines.

Please note that if your calendar prevents your participation on Saturday or Sunday, we have three opportunities on Friday. Volunteers will be needed to deliver collected food items to the Sherbourne Food Pantry, and we need a team to help at Feed More packing boxes of groceries for malnourished seniors. We will also be going to Maymont to help their horticulture team.

If by chance, your whole weekend is booked, you can still participate by filling a grocery bag with any of the Most Wanted Grocery Items (courtesy of Feed More) that is listed on the church website.

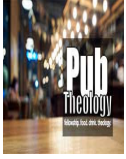
Last year, Reach Out RVA was a success because of your effort and support. We are looking forward to your participation and success again this year.

Finally, on Sunday afternoon at 4 PM a celebratory meal will be held in Trinity Hall. The church will provide the food and drink; we ask that you bring your signature dessert. In addition, throughout this entire project, please keep these words in mind from Galatians 6:9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."



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 **August 5**.



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held, (note new date in August), on **Tuesday, August 21** 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!

Summer Forum



Outreach Summer Forum

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

Guest speaker:
August 26 Steve Miller, United States Attorney, Eastern District Virginia

We hope you will join us.



Faith Night at the Diamond

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/>



Young at Heart

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 continue on Sunday, August 5 in Connection Alley.

All are welcome – Trinity members and friends of Trinity members!



Fresh Food Fest

When: **August 16**

Where: Forest Avenue grounds of the church

Time: 5-7 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 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.

The Way Forward

Issues Facing the United Methodist Church

Tuesday, August 7

6:30 PM

Trinity Hall

Next February, in 2019 there will be a special General Conference (global church level) to address issues regarding LGBT inclusion, ordination, and same-sex marriage. The controversy surrounding these issues risks schism in our denomination. The situation and issues are complex. In order to provide information and context Trinity will be holding an information meeting on Tuesday, August 7 at 6:30 PM in Trinity Hall. Pastor Larry will be making the presentation. This will not be a brief gathering; we're going to make an evening of it. Therefore, we are asking everyone to bring a dessert to share so that we can take a break. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear what is happening, have some of the mystery of ecclesiastical idiosyncrasy explained, be informed (and share some dessert that will make it all worthwhile).

Westminster Canterbury Celebration

Trinity will go to Westminster Canterbury on **Tuesday, August 28** from **3:30-4:30 PM** to visit and worship with our members in residence there. Join us in the Jaquelyn Room to share fellowship and then for Holy Communion in their lovely chapel. The residents there look forward to having our members come for this time together and hear of the activities at Trinity and reconnect with members there. To volunteer, or to provide refreshments, contact Nancy Owen at 740-7615 or neowen1@verizon.net.

Our Fall Offerings.... So Far!

We only heard from a few of you about what you want to study this fall. We wanted to let you know what is in the works:

Disciple I - Fast Track – Covers 80% of the bible; 24 weeks, Sundays 10:45 AM – 12 noon, starts Sunday, September 23, led by Bill Pike

Woman's Bible Study – Monday mornings, 6 weeks, starts in September, led by Deanna McCullough and Teresa Given

On Your Mark (Study of the Gospel of Mark) – Sunday Evenings, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, 4 weeks, led by Rev. Drew Willson

Pastor's Bible Study – Tuesdays at 7 AM, Wednesdays at 1:30 PM, led by Rev. Larry Lenow

Dillard Study Group - Monday nights, 7 – 9 PM. This class will study Romans this fall. Led by the class members; all are welcome.

Watch your e-connection, our website and the September Window for more information about these and other opportunities. Please contact Rev. Judy Oguich with any questions, or to register.



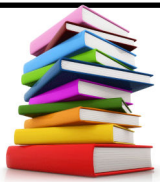
Trinity's Preschool and Parent's Morning Out

Do you know someone looking for a Parent's Morning Out program or Pre-school 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.



Fall Festival Three Chopt Elementary School

On Friday, October 12 from 5-7 PM, Trinity will be partnering with Three Chopt Elementary School in support of their annual Fall Festival. We appreciate those who have expressed interest in volunteering for this event. More information will be coming soon, but if you are interested in helping out, contact Bill Pike via email: bpike@trinityumc.net or by calling 288-6056, Ext 211.



Trinity's Youth Need Your Used Books and DVDs!

Trinity's Youth Need Your Used Books and DVDs! Trinity will once again be hosting a used book sale/DVD sale in conjunction with our Handmade Harvest Craft Festival which will be held on Saturday, October 20. You can drop off any books/DVDs to the Mastin Room. 100% of the proceeds from this book sale will benefit the Youth Ministry, so now it is the time to go through your collections and bring in items you are ready to donate! Questions? Contact Deanna McCullough (deannamccullough1@verizon.net) or Mary Neary (nearys4@verizon.net).

Might Be Baloney

Yes, that is the title for the blog site setup by Trinity member Bill Pike. Perhaps, you have figured out like a long-winded preacher, Bill likes tinkering with words. And if you like the baloney he writes, you can check-out the blog: <https://mightbebaloney.blog/>



Save the Date!

Harvest Day 2018
Tuesday, November 13
Worship Service – 10 AM
Brunch in Trinity Hall – 11 AM

Youth At Trinity

S.W.A.G

S.W.A.G. stands for Summer Worship and Games. This is an event for Middle School students to get to know each other, as well as play a ton of awesome, fun, and messy games. S.W.A.G. is one of the most popular events of the summer and a great way to end your summer, and kickoff the new school year by making new friends and reconnecting with old ones. It takes place from 6:30-9:00 PM every night, starting Monday, August 13 and going through Thursday, August 16. Pick up and drop off will be in the Eaton Hall parking lot off of road.



Alabama 2018: Reflections

Dear Trinity Family,

A few weeks ago, I had the blessing of experiencing my seventh mission trip to sweet home Alabama. Three of the five days the Trinity Youth spent serving in the community of Decatur, Alabama, I was lucky enough to serve in my favorite way...with kids. As soon as we found out that my group would be volunteering with children, I was jumping up and down with excitement, knowing that the kids would be what kept me strong that week. My group travelled fifteen minutes to the Decatur Youth Services to run a Vacation Bible School for the kids that spend their summer there. The children at Decatur Youth Services immediately stole my heart. These little humans had a joy that was so radiant, it could come off as loud and rambunctious, but deep down they just really wanted attention. I was very quick to love them, but the adoration they shared with me felt like love sent directly from God. I truly believe that the way they showed their affection for me is the way God wants us to love all our neighbors. I will carry the memories I made with these kids for the rest of my life and continue to hold them close to my heart forever.

Sincerely,

Lucy McLaughlin

This summer's high school mission trip to Decatur, Alabama, was my first mission trip. To be honest, I was kind of scared. For starters, I had never been on a 10+ hour car ride before. Also, I heard stories of some of the crazy tasks assigned on these trips. But, I also knew that people who had done these trips before always seemed to feel God's presence on these trips.

Fast forward to the end of the trip...I was glad to have had the opportunity to go on this trip. We did a few different projects (none of them too crazy). My group worked to collect and sort clothes for two different organizations, each one with their own guidelines and focus, but both with similar goals. The first organization would only keep college gear if it was from Auburn or Alabama, the other would not keep any college gear from Auburn or Alabama. I think maybe you need to be from Alabama to understand.

We also worked to spread mulch in the playground of an area community center and helped with Vacation Bible School. All of these tasks may seem simple, and maybe not that important. But these tasks were about spreading God's love through attitude, action, and interaction with people. Sometimes spreading God's love can be simple, but what could be more important?

Annabelle Glassman



Children At Trinity



Favorite Fruits “Sweet” 9:30 Summer Sunday School!

God created a world full of yummy and healthy fruits that are sweet to eat. Kids will learn how to live and to be thankful for things God has blessed them with, and learn to serve and stay connected to God.

We know how busy Summer is, but please sign up when you can help with the small break-out groups at <http://bit.ly/FRUITsummersundayschool>. The simple prepared lessons are provided.



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

kids can!

Kids can be in mission and service and make a difference! Register and plan to join us to serve on: **True Giving Thursday - August 2 – 8:30 AM to 3 PM.** We will travel to Shalom Farms first thing in the morning to stay cool, plus go to Richmond Animal League to deliver the donations collected at Vacation Bible School, share lunch together and then make some cool treats for the “FRUIT” Sunday School Class August 5 Celebration. Kids and adults will need to complete a **waiver** at <https://shalomfarms.org/waiver/> and **pack a lunch.**

We had a great time Mission Monday, June 18, playing Bingo at the Hermitage and We Share Wednesday, July 11, organizing food at Sherbourne Food Pantry and painting flower pots.

All kids through 5th grade are welcome, however those that have just completed kindergarten or younger, must have an adult participate with them. If you are not able to do the whole day, let me know and we will work something out. To sign at <http://bit.ly/KIDSCAN> or contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net.



VBS 2018

What an awesome week at SHIP-WRECKED, Jesus Rescues Vacation Bible School!!!! Thanks so much to all the volunteers for making it such a special week! A huge amount of items for Oakgrove School, Sherbourne UMC Food Pantry, Honduras, and Richmond Animal League were brought in by the kids. The 4th & 5th graders created plastic mats for the homeless and worked with the Trinity Youth at the Pace Center at VCU.



2018/19 Teacher, Team Members and Nursery Volunteer Orientation and Training

This year we want to make the Teacher Orientation and Training session a priority! It is so important that we all be on the same page and make this the best year ever for our children. We are also trying to help you by covering the Annual Child Protection Training requirement in the same meeting. So, by coming you will not need to do the annual online. All Teachers, Elementary Team Members, and all Nursery Volunteers join us for one of the Orientation/ Training sessions:

10:45 AM on Sunday, August 19 or Sunday August 26 in the Mastin Room

OR

5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 29 in Room 323

Kindergarten through 5th Children's Sunday School for the Fall

The Children's Sunday School Focus Team was formed in early spring to take a look at a number of aspects of elementary children's Sunday School. (They worked very hard and have made several great recommendations about Kindergarten through 5th grade 9:30 AM Sunday School that the Education Committee has accepted and is putting in place.) Each grade will have a team leader and a team that will commit for nine months to keep in communication with each other and coordinate teaching for that grade. Most of the Team Leaders are in place and the teams are beginning to form. **We need team members to sign up now** so we will be ready for the fall. Here are the Team Leaders and their emails:

Kindergarten – Kristin Weir, kristinweir@live.com

1st Grade—Emily Sinsabaugh, emilysinsabaugh@gmail.com

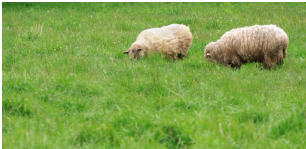
2nd Grade - **we need a leader**

3rd Grade - Somer Sentz, somer.sentz@gmail.com

4th Grade - Gale Hawes, galehawes@comcast.net

5th Grade - Joey McPhail, johelen.mcphail@gmail.com

A different curriculum, Group's **BUZZ**, was the overwhelming choice for the new Sunday School year for kids. It is easy to follow for novices and has many hands-on activities to help engage students in learning more about the Bible. Curriculum is available now for Team Leaders. 1st Grade will do a “Worship” leaning curriculum for the Fall quarter and then move to the BUZZ curriculum.



Feed My Sheep

Lenten Easter Mission Offering

On Sunday, July 1, the Serve Steering Committee met to review the applications for the 2018 Lenten Easter Mission Offering. Attending were, Betsy Estes, Bill Pike, Virginia Rhines, Carmen Sheppard, and Lee Stocks. Bob Argabright was out of town.

This year, the Steering Committee reviewed 11 applications. The total dollar amount requested from the applications was \$33,050. Donations for 2018 totaled \$24,863.69. Despite not having an extra \$8,186.31, the Steering Committee found a way to allocate funding to each organization. Listed below are the organizations who applied, the representative who championed the application, and the funding allocation for 2018.

Eurasian Initiative	Jo Lewis	\$500.00
Circles of Ashland	Kelly Kindle	\$1,900.00
Friends of Barnabas	Kirk Spitzer	\$3,500.00
Shalom Farms	Dominic Barrett	\$2,000.00
CrossOver Healthcare	Kathy Barksdale	\$3,500.00
Kid's Club	Hilary Coakley/Sarah Shutt	\$1,200.00
New Shoes for Back to School	Beth Monroe	\$3,000.00
Westview on the James	Libby Burton	\$4,750.00
Baltic Methodist Seminary	Art Charlesworth	\$1,000.00
Leonard Theological Seminary	Art Charlesworth	\$1,000.00
Camp Rainbow	Anne Burch	\$2,500.00

The Serve Steering Committee would like to thank the congregation for their donations to the Lenten Easter Mission Offering. Without your support, the work of these organizations who meet a wide range of needs from a diverse population would stop.

Thank you,

The Serve Steering Committee

New Shoes for Back to School

Take steps to make sure kids in under-served communities have new shoes for school this year! Consider volunteering at the New Shoes for Back to School event on Labor Day, Sept. 3 at Third Street Bethel A.M.E. in Jackson Ward. For the first time ever, Trinity United Methodist Church is joining forces with more than a dozen houses of worship for this ministry that provides more than 4,000 new shoes to needy children each year. Third Street Bethel A.M.E. has been leading the effort for more than eleven years, giving out more than 82,000 pairs of shoes.

Volunteers are needed to act as "escorts": taking the parent and child to the correct shoe size and staying with the family until children are fitted. Then they escort the family to the EXIT door. Youth volunteers (10 - 17 years old) are also needed to help hand out water. There are two volunteer shifts: 7:30 a.m. - noon and 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

There is a mandatory training session on Saturday, August 25 at Third Street Bethel A.M.E. from 10 AM - noon. If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions, contact Beth Monroe (bethmonr@gmail.com or (804) 339-0664) by Monday, August 6.

Trinity United Methodist Church has a shared history with Third Street Bethel A.M.E. and our confirmation class typically worships with them one Sunday. This is a great way to continue building that relationship. "



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.

Shalom Farms

Get out those gardening gloves on **August 25** 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 AM and return by 12:30 PM. For questions, more info, or to sign up, contact Teresa Given at tdagiven@gmail.com

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)

Volunteers Wanted!

Looking for a fun way to serve Trinity? Then we are looking for you! We are looking for drivers to drive Trinity members who are unable to drive themselves to and from service. You would be responsible for picking up from home, dropping off at church, and then driving back home. If you are already attending service, why not bring along a companion! If this is something you would like to do, it would mean the world to a member who has been unable to attend. Please email Allison Carver (acarver@gmail.com) to sign up or to ask any questions! Thank you.

Angel Apple Tree

The Angel Apple Tree has returned! Please pick an apple and provide school supplies for Oak Grove Elementary School. Trinity has partnered with Oak Grove for the past 15 years and one of our projects over the past several years has been to provide supplies. Each spring we meet with the lead teachers for all grade levels and come up with a list of much-needed items. This year, there are about 100 apples on our tree. So there is plenty of opportunity to help! Please be sure to double bag your items and return to Trinity Hall by August 19. If you have questions, contact Karen Adams at 270-9869 or at kmadams1711@earthlink.net. Thanks for all your support!



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of *Warren Anderson* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*

In memory of *Genevieve Collier* to *Trinity United Methodist Women*

In memory of *Melva Garbett* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*

In memory of *Davis Bottom* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*

In memory of *Phoebe Mackey* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*

In memory of *Phoebe Mackey* to *Trinity Altar Fund*

In honor of *Nancy Miller, Marble Jones, & Mary Deal* to *Samaritan Fund*



Joys and Concerns

Baptism

Johnny Lohnes

Our sympathies to...

The family of Al Pierce who died July 11

Jamie Eubank whose mother Lena Cabe died July 1

The family of Dan Yanchisin who died June 23

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	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22
Worship Service	386	367	395	380
Sunday School	195	197	191	199

Our Gifts as of June 30:

Projected income to date:	\$ 1,638,000.00
Actual income year to date:	\$ 1,618,735.17
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ (-19,264.83)

Thank You Notes

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and for the altar flowers and cards following my fall. Trinity is such a caring church family and I am so grateful that I am a member.

Many thanks,
Millie Beverage

The *Yanchisin family* would like to thank Trinity for all the love and support received during Daniel's illness and passing.

To my Ministers, Church Staff, and Friends,

I want to thank you for your kindness shown to me during my illness. Your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and flowers have been a blessing to me. I am unable at this time to write each of you individually so I am writing one letter to be shared by all of you. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

May God bless each of you,
Martha Rice

Several months ago our son, Jake, died. Our family wishes to express our appreciation for the love and support that carried us through that difficult time and continues to lift us up today. You, as a church, have been the hands and feet of God and we will be forever grateful for your acts of loving kindness. Being part of a church family at Trinity has always been important to us but in times of great despair it means everything. Thank you for who you are and what you do!

The Stanley Family

On behalf of the Doorways staff, volunteers, and most importantly, guests, we all thank the many Trinity members for their generous contributions throughout this past year.

Starting with last year's Reach Out RVA community project throughout the city, Trinity members have contributed numerous toiletry items in the Doorways box located in Mission Central. Members have made bag lunches, provided breakfasts for the guests and cleaned windows and hallways throughout the building. Recently, on July 4 lunch was provided to the guests by Trinity members. Additionally, the Trinity Stitchers have made beautiful items for the guests including slippers, lap quilts, and prayer shawls; and the Trinity women made snack bags for the guests this past spring. Christmas gifts were also provided by Trinity members for the children being served by the World Pediatric Organization on the 8th floor. All donations and gifts are greatly appreciated by The Doorways guests and staff.

Again, thank you and bless you all.

Tom and Pam Rockhold, Volunteers at The Doorways



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, August 20 at 4 PM for events taking place in September.** 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.