

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added unto you"

Matthew 6:32

I'd like to commend the Dillard Forum to you. This year our **Dillard Forum is Sunday-Monday, November 11-12**. This year's Forum will be a different in several ways. The Forum begins *on Sunday evening at 7:00 PM*. This is different from past years, as it allows our speaker to be at his own church on Sunday morning and it allows Methodists from other churches to join us for the full Forum while worshipping at their own churches in the morning.

Our speaker this year is the **Rev. Tom Berlin**. Full disclosure, Tom is an old friend. Tom is also a key Virginia Conference leader. He serves as Lead Pastor at Floris UMC in Herndon, one of our very largest congregations. Tom is, and has been the clergy leader of our General Conference delegation (our delegation is made up of equal numbers of lay and clergy delegates.) Tom was also appointed to the Commission for a Way Forward, proposed by the Council of Bishops and authorized by the 2016 General Conference. His is an important voice.

Our topic (as I hope you already know!) is **UMC at a Crossroads** reflecting on the issues regarding the inclusion (or not) of LGBTQ persons. It promises to be a timely and lively conversation. I want you to know that in conversations with Tom, I shared with him that we have already had several opportunities for *information*. Therefore this, we hope, will not simply be another opportunity to go over what might happen next February (General Conference, February 23-26) but rather an opportunity to reflect theologically on what this all means, how we interpret the Bible, how we discern God's will and call upon us and how we understand what it means to be church. That's a tall order. But how important it is for faithful people to come together for "holy conferencing" to use the Wesleyan term. It will be well worth your time. Childcare will be provided.

Let us face the future boldly and unafraid. And let us continually seek God's wisdom and guidance. I look forward to being with you at the Forum.

Blessings,



Dillard Forum

Why should you attend? With a special session of the General Conference taking place in February 2019, the United Methodist Church, like other mainline Protestant denominations before it, is at a crossroads over issues of inclusion of LGBTQ persons. The Rev. Tom Berlin will lead us in considering not only the possibilities of what may happen at General Conference, but even more the questions beneath the possibilities. While an obvious concern for every United Methodist, these questions are also relevant for faithful Christians of all traditions and indeed for all person interested in the relationship between faith, culture and justice.

UMC at a Crossroads

Sunday, November 11

7:00 PM Theology, Bible and Sexuality. In the Sanctuary.

Monday, November 12

12:00 PM General Conference Update & Discussion
This is an interactive lunch with questions and answers. Cost of lunch is \$7, in Trinity Hall. Please call to make reservations at 288-6056.

7:00 PM Why is this so difficult? Methodist Ecclesiology. In the Sanctuary.

Childcare will be provided.



Don't forget to fall back an hour on Saturday, November 3!



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 **November 4**.



Veterans Pancake Breakfast

On **Sunday, November 11**, the Outreach Class will present the annual Veterans Pancake Breakfast. This year our program will feature three Trinity veterans who have served our country during our wars related to terrorism. We are excited to hear from Scott Bartholomew, Matt Benton, and Robert Skipper. Additionally, Sue Farrell, from **Boots to Suits**, will share how her organization helps veterans with their attire as they prepare for re-entering the civilian job market.

As in years past, we will serve breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30 AM in Trinity Hall. Pancakes, bacon, baked apples, coffee, juice will be served. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. The program will start at 9:30.

Each year, we publish a listing of the men and women from Trinity who have served in the military. If you would like to have the name of your family member in this listing, please provide their name and branch of military they served. You can forward this information to Bill Pike via e-mail: bpike@trinityumc.net or by calling 804-288-6056, Ext 211. The deadline for the listing information is Monday, November 5.

We look forward to having you with us this year to celebrate the women and men who have served our country.



Boots to Suits

Boots to Suits is a local nonprofit that was founded in 2014 by Sue Farrell. This nonprofit works to provide business attire for our veterans as they transition from military to civilian life. The clothing is

very helpful to veterans as they go out on employment interviews. Boots to Suits' goal is to provide the best quality clothes available for our veterans.

With any organization, during the last two years, Boots to Suits has learned to stay away from used dress shirts (ring around the collar) and used khaki pants.

White or light blue dress shirts and flat front khaki pants are preferred. If you would like to donate either of these items in any size, the best pricing is found at BJs and Costco.

For men's suits, year round weight material is preferred over heavy wool sport jackets. Additionally, blue blazers are accepted for their versatility. All sizes are accepted, but they sometimes have challenges finding the larger sizes 48-54.

In meeting the needs of the ladies, Boots to Suits does not need casual items. They need apparel that is suitable for an interview, be it a dress or separate suiting.

Gently worn or new shoes are accepted in all sizes for women and men along with ties and scarves to finish off an outfit.

The Outreach Class will be accepting these items on the morning of Sunday, **November 11**. The Mastin Room will be the collection point. If you have additional questions, please e-mail, Ken Hart: ken.alan.hart@gmail.com Thanks for your time and cooperation.



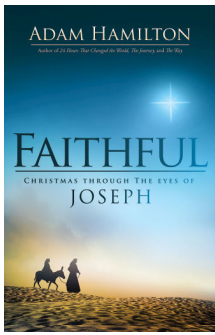
Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, November 13** 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!



Harvest Day 2018

Tuesday, November 13, is our Harvest Day event. Rev. Erin Reibel will present the message "Prayer for Busy People" at our 10 AM service. Brunch in the fellowship hall will follow the service. Please plan to join us. Registration brochures are in the Welcome Center.



**Advent Study: Faithful,
Christmas Through the Eyes
of Joseph**
by Adam Hamilton

Join members of the 3M Study Group on Wednesday nights for this four week study of "Faithful". All our welcome! Class sessions are **November 14, 28, December 5 and 12**, 6:45 – 8:15 PM in Room 324. Register with Judy Oguich by November 7 to reserve your copy of the book (\$14).

Westminster Canterbury Celebration

Trinity will go to Westminster Canterbury on **Tuesday, November 27** 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 neowen1@verizon.net or 740-7615.



**Thanksgiving
Eve Service**

Come join us as we pause to thank God for our many blessings, on **Wednesday, November 21** at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary. Please bring items for the Sherbourne Food Pantry as part of your offering.



The Hermitage-Richmond

Many thanks go to those who contributed to the Hermitage-Richmond Bake Sale and Bazaar. Trinity members have supported this and other projects at Hermitage-Richmond for many years and it is greatly appreciated by the staff and residents.

Hidden Treasures will not be open in November. The final sale day for this year will be Friday, December 7.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 2 - Join us to see the matinee performance of "A Sister Act" at The Virginia Repertory Theater. We will have lunch following the 11:00 AM worship service in the Mastin Room.

Cost of play only: \$43;

Cost of play and lunch: \$50.

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 18

Thursday, December 13 - Christmas in Mayberry, presented by Bill Pike, 2 – 3:30 PM, Trinity Hall
Please bring your favorite Christmas treat to share.

Tutoring Ridge Elementary School

If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer tutor at Ridge Elementary School, please contact Bill Pike via e-mail: bpike@trinityumc.net or office phone 804-288-6056 Ext 211.

Cards for Oak Grove

Would you like to brighten a student's life with a birthday card? For years, Trinity members have sent birthday greetings to students at Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School by adopting selected grades for particular months. This year, the school requires that cards be addressed on-site, so daytime volunteers are needed for December through May birthdays.

- Each volunteer will send cards to students in grades Pre-K and 2-5 – approximately 35-40 students per month.
- Each volunteer will provide cards for your assigned month, write messages and address them in advance of the first day of the month. (If you choose December, your cards will be due in November, etc.)
- Volunteers will receive an instruction sheet with guidelines and sample messages.
- Please avoid religious-themed cards or messages, as students practice different faiths.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Caroline Cardwell at 356-5675 or cardbolt@hotmail.com.

Children At Trinity

Trunk or Treat



A Huge Thank you to all who helped make this event so much fun!

Preparing Your Home for Advent

A Special Time for Families with Children

Friday, November 30
6 to 7 PM

Advent (starts four Sundays before Christmas) is the beginning of the new Christian year and a great time to refocus on the coming of Jesus. You may ask yourself, "What can I do to help my family focus on Jesus instead of the commercial aspects of the Christmas season?" Plan on spending this special time with other Trinity families having fun and getting ideas and hands-on tools to take home. If you and your family are interested in attending, please sign up so we will be able to prepare enough supplies. <http://bit.ly/PreparingOurHomeforAdvent> Childcare will be provided for babies and toddlers, upon request. Leila Denton, ldenton@trinityumc.net.



Trinity Community Playdate for Families with Preschoolers November 3 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Trinity UMC Playground

You, your preschool aged child and your family are invited to join us for a fun morning to play and mingle! Donut holes and Coffee will be provided. Questions? Contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net.



GIFT TREE Sponsored by the Children of Trinity

Children's Sunday School is sponsoring the Gift Tree.

Mark your calendars for **November 7** because that is when ornaments will be available. Purchase items according to the age, size and gender designations on the ornament tag. Wrap gifts and make sure each package/bag is clearly marked with the age, size, gender and clothes/toy. Gifts must be returned by **December 5** to Leila Denton's office. ldenton@trinityumc.net.



**The Children's Christmas Pageant is
December 16 at 4 PM.
All N4 – 5th grade children are invited
to participate.**



Third Grade Bibles

Trinity will be presenting Bibles to our third graders on **Sunday, November 18**. Join us to celebrate and support our third graders as they continue to study, learn and understand the significance of God's word.

Each year the McClure Bible Study Sunday School Class faithfully supports this most important event by collecting funds to cover the cost of the Bibles. We are so grateful for the generous donations and continued support.

Registration opened October 1. Registration forms were distributed through Sunday School in early October. Information and conditions are outlined on the registration forms. Links for the registration forms may also be found at <https://trinityumc.net/news/childrens-christmas-pageant/>. To be considered for a speaking/acting part, registration forms need to be in by November 1. Parts will be assigned November 18. The Children's Choirs will be beginning to work on songs for the pageant, so it would be great to have kids come on Wednesday nights to choir practice. Questions? Contact Joey McPhail at 334-1311 or johelen.mcphail@gmail.com

Youth At Trinity

High School Conference Retreat

This is a tremendous opportunity for our high school youth to experience a dynamic speaker (Rev. Joe Varner) and a powerful worship experience in a large group setting (led by 360 Collective), as well as interact with their peers from around the state in small groups. They will have time to learn about a topic that interests them with workshops, and time to bond as a group over late night pizza and cookies!

The theme for the weekend is, Extra. Ordinary. Love. Ephesians 3:19 "I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God."

We will leave **Friday, November 30**, at 5:00 PM and return 12:00 PM on Sunday, December 2. This event is hosted at Eagle Eyrie Convention Center in Lynchburg, VA. Sign up on the events page on our website!

Pumpkin Update

As you all are aware, we have been doing our annual fundraiser for youth missions by selling pumpkins. On Saturday, September 29, a group of about 75 people unloaded upwards of 3000 pumpkins out of a tractor-trailer that had travelled all the way from New Mexico. This year we have an enormous variety of pumpkins and gourds for sale. Not a day goes by at the patch that a visitor says that they love the weird pumpkins because they have such character! So far this month we have sold \$16,425 worth of pumpkins, about two thirds to our goal of \$25,000. Thank you to everyone who has come out and bought a pumpkin, and especially to those who have worked a shift at the patch selling and organizing our goods. Help us reach our goal in this last week by inviting your friends and neighbors to the patch, or buying more pumpkins!!!



Confirmation Orientation Meeting

Calling all 6th grade students who are interested in being confirmed this year. Confirmation is a process where young people go through a series of meetings where they learn about the history of the church, their faith, and begin to live out their faith through service activities. All of this culminates on Pentecost where they can decide to make their first profession of faith in front of the congregation. Confirmation meetings run from January through June.

There will be an information meeting on **December 9**, at 9:30 AM in the Mastin Room. During this meeting we will lay out the expectations for confirmation, the schedule for the year, and for you to meet the people involved in the Confirmation process. This is for all parents and students in 6th grade. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Winter Lock-In

On Friday **December 14**, we will have our winter lock-in. This is an event where we spend all night together doing fun activities in the church and around the city. This year we will be helping out local families by helping with parents night out from 5-8 PM. After that we will have the time of our lives with games, movies, and food! Sign up on the events page on our website!

Long-Term Facilities Committee Report and Recommendations

From the fall of 2016 until approximately February of 2018, the Long-Term Facilities task force tackled the challenge to analyze the long-term facility needs of our programs, committees, and congregation.

The committee members decided our challenge should have five objectives;

- *To Analyze the long-term facility needs of our programs, committees and congregation*
- *To Take all facets of the church community into consideration-Nothing is off of the table for discussion*
- *Give all factions of the church the opportunity for input*
- *The work of the committee would be data driven*
- *Generate a list of recommendations*

During the approximately sixteen months the committee members worked, the following strategies/tactics were incorporated to gain as much input as possible. Our staff was asked to complete a survey of the needs for their respective areas and this was followed by an in-person interview with a member of the task force. An on-line survey was created in order for the congregation, young and old, and staff to have the opportunity to express their opinion and provide suggestions. The survey yielded one-hundred and seventy-one responses and provided tremendous guidance for the committee's discussions.

In addition to the survey, members of the task force visited several churches in our area that are similar in size and scope to ours. The purpose of these visits was to gain ideas and talk with the staff members from these churches to learn what they liked about the design of their facility and what they might do differently given the opportunity.

After reviewing the data from the surveys, analyzing the facility visits, and reviewing the input from the staff, there were three major take-aways from our discussions;

1. The congregation prefers renovate rather than build new (painting, carpet, kitchen fixtures)
2. New/renovated space for youth
3. Renovate pre-school

Our next step was to prioritize the numerous suggestions into short-term and long-term needs.

The short-term recommendations are:

- Move youth to the Mastin room and renovate the room.
- Move Bryce's office to Bill Pike's office so he will be in close proximity to the youth facility.
- Paint and carpet in pre-school and throughout the building, update artwork throughout the building
- Renovate bathrooms near trinity hall, pre-school, and in older areas of the building
- Renovate the kitchen with new cabinetry and counters.
- Explore the possibility of moving the Contemporary service to Trinity hall to minimize set-up time between services
- Renovate stairwells leading to pre-school area.

The long-term recommendations (3-5 years) are:

- Relocate the bicentennial garden and create a new main entrance to the church with information desk, reception area, offices, and much needed storage.
- Renovate/repurpose existing information desk area and offices
- Renovate Eaton Hall
- Create a "sports area" for our youth where the old house was.
- Renovate the chapel, parlor, and conference room

Please know these recommendations are just that; recommendations. No final decisions have been made at this time.

The task force members are grateful to all who took their time to complete surveys and give us input to consider as we made our decision. The committee looks forward to presenting this report to the congregation in the near future and we are always open to other suggestions for our facility as we connect, grow and serve.

Flower Tribute at Christmas

Advent is a time when we choose to honor and/or memorialize loved ones by listing their names in the bulletin during the Christmas season.



The cost to have a tribute “in honor of” or “in memory of” listed in the bulletins at Christmas is **\$20.**

The funds received will be used to offset the cost of flowers used to decorate the sanctuary and foyers for the Christmas season. Monies received above the cost of the flowers will be donated to Missions at Trinity.

The deadline for receiving contributions is Sunday, December 9, 2018.

Place this form in the offering plate



Attached is my donation in the amount of: \$ _____



Please list the following tribute in the bulletin during the Christmas season:

In Honor Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AND/OR

In Memory Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



Donor's Printed Name and Phone #: _____

Trinity UMC Contact Information

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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	9/30	10/7	10/14	10/21
Worship Service	354	357	433	400
Sunday School	256	225	260	272

Our Gifts as of September 30:

Projected income to date:	\$ 403,021.00
Actual income year to date:	\$ 409,523.54
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ 6,502.54



Joys and Concerns

Births

Hazel Jans Smith born on October 7 to
Mike and Gin Smith

James Grady Hillsman born on August 24 to Jimmie and
Jessica Hillsman. His grandmother is Anne Pollard.

Baptisms

Tucker Utley, Brooklyn Nunnally

New Members

Alec Alexander, Bev Alexander, Tae Lilly

Wedding

Congratulations to the following couple who was
recently married:

Mary Glyn Hudson and Matthew Wickham who were
married on September 22

Our sympathies to...

The family of Dr. Bill May who died October 1
Mary Neary whose aunt Gail O'Day died September 22
June Rash whose brother George Spickard died
September 16



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of **Don Pierce** to **Trinity Lenten Mission Offering**

In memory of **Al Pierce** to **Trinity Lenten Mission Offering**

In memory of **Helen Heltzel** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Helen Heltzel** to **Central UMC Kid's Club**

In memory of **Helen Conway Galea** to **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**

In memory of **Janet Voorhis** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is
Monday, November 12 at 4 PM for
events taking place in December. 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,