

The Trinity Window

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October 2018

“If you got time to breathe, you got time for music.” Briscoe Darlin’

Several years ago, a ruckus was created at Trinity. That ruckus was the birthing of a new worship service. Modern worship, contemporary worship whatever label you want to apply, it ruffled feathers. The service was new, it bumped into our traditional services and the Sunday school hour. But, truth be told, Trinity needed that service.

While some might disagree, right now at Trinity, we probably have the most gifted music leaders in the history of the church with Charles Staples and Drew Willson. While their styles and backgrounds are vastly different, their musicianship and creative risk taking are worth noting. Both Charles and Drew would admit they are surrounded by a team of good singers and musicians, and while that is true, their leadership is significant.

Sometimes the pace of life prevents us from truly slowing down and celebrating things that we might take for granted.

I would encourage each of us between now and the end of December to take the time to say thank you to our musicians. Start with Charles, and his trusty assistant, Pat Ruscus. Next, the members of the choir, and, don't forget Patsy Hallett and Katie Berlin who work with the choirs for our children.

And if you are the least bit curious about the sound of our Modern Worship band, change up your Sunday routine and go hear Karen Brant, Bob Burton, Bobby Hudson, Rachel Kastelberg, David Lefkowitz, Bryce Miller, Emily Mortimer, Palmer Robins, Walt Romanosky, Jeff Rothman, Bruce Sofinski, Shea Tuttle, Ben Willson, and Drew Willson. Of course, all good bands have a support team, quietly working behind the scenes, so extend that thanks to: Eric Harrah, Nicholas Harrah, Melissa Holmes, and William Marriott.

Don't take our musicians and their contributions to our worship experiences for granted. Celebrate their gifts and thank them too!!

Thanks: Reach Out RVA 2.0

We appreciate everyone who gave of their time and energy for Reach Out RVA 2.0. The nonprofits that we assisted throughout the Richmond area were very appreciative of our efforts. A special thanks to our on-site coordinators and the church staff for their leadership in linking information and sign-ups. Thanks to everyone who brought a dessert for the celebratory meal on Sunday afternoon, and thanks to everyone who hit the target that resulted in landing Larry, Drew, Bryce, and Shaw Blackmon into the dunking booth.

If you enjoyed Reach Out RVA 2.0 and are looking for future opportunities to serve our community here some upcoming events:

- Sunday, October 7 Sherbourne UMC food pantry has a critical need for: cereal, soup, fruit, and crackers.
- Friday, October 12 Fall Festival at Three Chopt Elementary School from 5-7 p.m.
- Saturday, October 20 City of Richmond Carter Jones Tree Planting/Swansboro Cleanup from 9-12 noon. Meeting location tennis courts in Carter Jones Park (corner W. 29th and Perry). For more information call 804-646-5724
- On Sunday, November 4 from 1-4 PM an end of harvest gleaning of the fields will take place at Gallmeyer Farms coordinated by the Society of St. Andrew. This is a rain or shine event. People should wear clothes they don't mind getting dirty. They would love if anyone could bring plastic grocery bags, they use them all season long.

OCTOBER





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 **October 7**.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



World Communion Sunday/ Sherbourne Food Pantry

Somewhere in Richmond today, there is a family who does not have food. The kitchen cabinets are empty and the table is bare. The volunteers at the

Sherbourne Food Pantry work tirelessly to help families. Sherbourne is very dependent on the first Sunday donations from Trinity members. On Sunday, October 7, World Communion Sunday, we would like to push beyond our normal 15 to 20 bags of groceries that are collected. Currently, cereal, soup, fruit, and crackers are in urgent need at Sherbourne. Write yourself a note to pick up these items the next time you go to the grocery store. Then be sure to bring them to church on October 7. This simple gesture will make a difference in the lives of a Richmond family served by the kind folks at Sherbourne.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 7 - Teen Taught Technology. Come join our youth as they help us operate our technology – cell phones, computers, iPads, etc. We will gather at 4 PM then enjoy dinner together at 5 PM.

Thursday, October 11 – Trip to Yorktown

Join us as we travel to Yorktown to visit the American Revolution Museum. We will leave Trinity at 8:30 AM and return around 4 PM. Admission and lunch is paid by individuals at the museum. Please register in Connection Alley or with Judy Oguich to help us plan transportation.

Looking ahead:

Sunday, December 2 Lunch at church, then 2 PM performance of “A Sister Act” at the Virginia Repertory Theater.

Thursday, December 13 Lessons from Mayberry, Christmas Edition presented by Bill Pike. 2 PM Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share!

UMW Unit Meeting

Women Rising Up for Human Dignity and Rights
“Working with children and their parents who are struggling with mental health challenges.”

Tuesday, October 9

10:15 AM in Trinity Hall

Speaker: Denise Purgold, Lead Therapist at UMFS

Topic: How we are helping our children/young people with mental illness develop the necessary coping skills to navigate their world? We can begin a dialogue to regarding our young people who are picking up guns to solve their problems or self harm when no other solution presents itself.



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. At the festival, Trinity will be providing games, activities, prizes, and supervision for the school age children who attend the event. We are off to a good start with volunteers, but we need more helpers as this Fall Festival attracts a large crowd. If you are interested in helping out, contact Bill Pike via e-mail: bpiketrinity@trinityumc.net or by calling 804-288-6056, Ext 211. And finally, please remember, anyone who volunteers for this event will need to complete a Henrico County Public Schools Volunteer Application. Copies of the form are available in the church office.



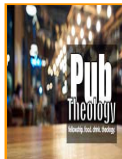
JourneyGroup Leaders Meeting

Saturday, October 13

9:30 – 11 AM

Mastin Room

We hope each JourneyGroup will be represented!
Refreshments will be available too!



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, October 16** 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!



2018 Henrico Christmas Mother

Since 1942, Henrico Christmas Mother has provided food, new clothing, books, toys and other gifts to Henrico neighbors in need. This year Trinity will support Henrico Christmas Mother with a **new Children's Book Drive**. Purchase a children's book and bring it to Connection Alley at Trinity **now through the month of October**. (Remember our Youth Group is collecting *used* books for the Handmade Harvest Festival on October 20.)



Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 20

Join us at the Veterans Memorial Garden (the one with the flagpole on Forest Avenue) at **1:00 pm for all animals**.

All animals:

- Need to be healthy and up-to-date with shots.
- In a carrier or on a leash with adult supervision
- Be very sociable and safe around other animals (If your pet is too shy, too aggressive or just too difficult to transport, please just bring a photo to be blessed.)

Contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net with any questions. See you there!



Blood Drive

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 14**, our fall Trinity Blood Drive, open from 8 AM – 12:30 PM in Trinity Hall. It really takes all of us to show up for our quarterly drives and to invite in our friends, so that we can show Trinity's remarkable spirit of caring for this important and life-saving ministry. To sign up:

1. <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 10/14/18 to 10/15/18.
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".

Gathering at Gayton Terrace

Join us on **Tuesday, October 23**, at 3:00 PM as we visit our members and guest residing at Gayton Terrace. We gather in the Theater to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, music and worship. Please note time and location change. Contact Susie Hildebrand at 740-7490 or shildebrand@verizon.net to volunteer.



The Hermitage

Mark your calendar for the Hermitage-Richmond Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale on **Friday, October 26**, from 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM and on **Saturday, October 27**, from 9:30 - noon. We hope you will want to support this by baking items to be sold that can be brought to the front counter of the church office and placed in marked boxes for the sale. These will be picked up for delivery on Thursday, October 25, by 10:00 AM. Therefore anyone coming to Wednesday Fellowship Night can leave them then or bring them early the next morning. Christmas decorations you wish to donate or any other household items are most welcome. These should be taken to the donation area outside the balcony anytime from now until mild October. Thank you for your generous support and remember to come to this fun event.

Nancy Miller (740-3772) and Marble Jones (740-8002)



Handmade Harvest Craft Show Saturday, October 20 9AM – 4 PM

The 7th annual Handmade Harvest Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, October 20** in Trinity Hall! There will be 35+ vendors all selling handmade crafts and unique gifts (in addition to pumpkins, food trucks, and used books). If you are part of a group that would like to volunteer or provide a service, please contact Annemarie Tull at annemarietull@comcast.net. Proceeds from the show will continue to support Trinity's youth programs. Mark your calendars and bring your family and friends! What a great way to introduce Trinity to the community...

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.



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.



Save the Date!

Harvest Day 2018

Tuesday, November 13

Worship Service – 10 AM

Brunch in Trinity Hall – 11 AM

Guest preacher: Rev. Erin Reibel from St. Andrews UMC

Trustees

In the September meeting of our Trustees, the following appointments were made: Bill Eubank, Chair, Joe Andrews, Vice-chair, and David Glassman, Recording Secretary. Also, serving on the Trustees are Pat Satterfield, Catherine McSorley, Tom Kellam, Kevin Mottley, Bruce Watson, Carol Wampler, Raleigh Robins, Rebecca Worley, and John Cardwell.



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 BJ's 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.

Children At Trinity



Upward Sports Ministry

Since 2008 at Trinity UMC, Upward has introduced children from K5 to 5th grade to Christ through sports. Young basketball players and cheerleaders can chart their own athletic journeys through the years – all while being developed into total athletes mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially.

Please join us in our 11th Season of Upward Basketball at Trinity UMC and St. Andrews UMC!

The registration link is <http://registration.upward.org/UPW67299/>

More information and registration details are available at <http://trinityumc.net/upward-sports>. If you have any questions regarding registration, contact our new League Director, Angela Verdery at trinityupward@gmail.com.

If you would like to volunteer, the link is: <http://registration.upward.org/UPW67299/volunteer>.



Third Grade Bibles

Again this year, Trinity will be presenting Bibles to our third graders. A letter was sent to the parents of all the children that were on the rising third grade Sunday school roster in August. The letter contains important information about ordering the personalized Bibles and about the presentation on November 18. If you are the parent of a rising third grader and did not receive a letter, contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net immediately. We look forward to our third graders being presented a Bible with their name on it.



GIFT TREE Sponsored by the Children of Trinity

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.

Trunk or Treat



Sunday, October 28, 4:30–6:00 PM

Everyone is invited to join us for a Community Halloween Celebration in the Forest Avenue parking lot. This event will feature treats, prizes, a jump house, FREE hotdogs, games, contests, and loads of fun!

In order to make it a success we are in need of YOUR help – How?

- Decorate your car's trunk
- Tell your friends and neighbors
- Man a guessing table
- Set up and Clean up
- Help cook hot dogs
- Supervise Jump House
- Be a trunk/costume judge



Contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net or sign up at <http://bit.ly/TrunkOrTreatVolunteer>.



Registration opens October 1

The Children's Christmas Pageant is **December 16** at 4 PM. All N4 – 5th grade children are invited to participate. Look for registration forms in October through Sunday School and email. More information and conditions are outlined on the registration forms. To be considered for a speaking/acting part, registration forms need to be in by **November 1**. Parts will be assigned November 18.

Contact Joey McPhail johelen.mcphail@gmail.com or 334-1311 if you have questions. 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.

Youth At Trinity

Handmade Harvest

The Handmade Harvest Craft Show is an annual craft show that was founded in 2012 as a fundraiser for Trinity's youth ministry program. This year our show will be on **Saturday, October 20** from 9 AM - 4 PM. We typically have between 30 and 40 vendors each year that represent a large variety of crafts and other products. We will also be hosting a used book/dvd sale on the same day in the Mastin Room. All books and dvds will be \$1 and all proceeds will be for Trinity Youth Ministry. There will also be food trucks on site for lunch as well as the pumpkin patch will be open for those in need of festive decorations.

The Pumpkins are Here

The pumpkins have returned for another year at Trinity. Money raised by the sale of the pumpkins goes to the numerous mission experiences for our youth throughout the year. I have been told that the pumpkins this year look great, and they are sending us an assorted variety of gourds and other pumpkin varieties. If you are reading this before September 29, please come out on Saturday morning at 8:15 AM to help us unload the tractor trailer! There are also opportunities to work the patch all throughout the month of October. Sign ups are online on our website under the youth volunteer page. Thank you for your support!

Teen Taught Technology

On **Sunday, October 7**, the youth will be helping out anyone who is struggling with their technology. This is a great opportunity to help out those of us who are not as tech savvy as you are. People will gather at 4 PM in Trinity Hall for tech help. We need those youth who are tech gurus to show up at 3:45 PM to set up their help desks and prepare for the many questions. At 5 PM we will begin our regular youth group time with dinner as a group! If you would like to volunteer please email, text, or call me!

2018 VA Conference Fall Retreats

Every year in the fall, the Virginia Conference puts on two weekend retreats for all of its churches. The theme for this year 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."

The middle school retreat is **November 9-11**, and the high school retreat is **November 30-December 2**. I highly recommend that you come on one of these retreats, or encourage your student to participate. For more information and to sign up, click the link below that corresponds with your school year.



Serve Opportunities

Old Cell Phones Needed

Please donate your old cell phones (with chargers, without service contracts, and with personal information removed) 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)

Westview on the James

Westview on the James invites you to participate in our Camper Open Golf Tournament on **Monday, October 29**, at Stonehenge Country Club in Midlothian. This fundraiser will help support our Care & Connect camper-ship program. We see over and over that a week at camp in God's great outdoors changes a child's life forever! To join a team (\$100) or create your own with 4 players (\$400) visit our website at westviewonthejames.org/camperopen. Then join us for fun events, prizes, a delicious lunch, and a great day on the golf course! If you'd like to become a sponsor, or volunteer the day of the tournament, please call Libby Burton at 804-249-6008 or Westview on the James at 804-457-4210. Thank you so much!

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 onsite, 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.

Save that Box Top!

An easy way to help schools address some of their operating needs is by clipping and saving those "Box Top for Education" labels. They can be found on products by General Mills, Yoplait and Kleenex, among others. Did you know that each of these labels is worth 10 cents and each school can earn up to the maximum of \$20,000? So don't throw them away, please remember to save that "Box Top". For 2018, Trinity supports Tuckahoe Middle School. They will alternate each year with the UMFS Charterhouse School and Oak Grove Bellmeade School. Please drop them in the Box Top Education labelled plastic shoebox at Mission Central.

Update: For the period January to September 2018, we collected 888 box tops church wide or the equivalent of \$88.80 for Tuckahoe Middle School. Thank you everyone. Please keep clipping and saving those box tops. There is still time to help Tuckahoe Middle School this year. Even just a few box tops from each of us will go a long way.



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Joys and Concerns

Births

Liv Frances Burton born on September 3 to David and Michelle Burton. Her grandparents are Bob and Libby Burton.

Nora Elise Benton born on August 23 to Matt and Andrea Benton. Her grandparents are Colby and Jan Benton.

Baptisms

Elizabeth Ockerman

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...

Rob Monroe whose father Bob Monroe died September 13

The family of Vernon Walton who died September 12

Mark Devlin whose mother Marjorie Devlin died September 6

The family of Helen Heltzel who died September 3

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	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23
Worship Service	331	469	484	399
Sunday School	136	316	328	273

Our Gifts as of August 31:

Projected income to date: \$ 282,614.00
Actual income year to date: \$ 268,662.82
Excess (-shortfall) \$ (13,951.18)

Thank You Notes

We would like to thank you for the cards, calls, visits, prayers, altar flowers, and meals during David's recent heart surgery. It is a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

Love,

David and Gayle Hickman

Our deepest thanks to Trinity for the grant from the 2018 Lenten Easter Mission Offering that is going to Camp Rainbow Connection. An endeavor by the VA Conference of United Methodist Church, this camp is offered for two weeks each summer for adults with intellectual disabilities. This money will make it possible for at least five individuals to attend who otherwise would not be able to go. What a blessing!

Anne Burch

**Newsletter
Deadline**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, October 15 at 4 PM for events taking place in November.** 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.