

# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Corner

*"Unto to us a child is born, unto us a son is given; authority rests upon his shoulders and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

Not to complain, but the Ancient of Days isn't making my job any easier. This Christian faith business is, if you'll forgive the phrase, a tough sell.

First of all, we've been called to proclaim to the world that the Lord is God, the one true God, the Creator of heaven and earth. I don't know if you've noticed but there are more and more people in our society who roll their eyes at this faith. They think that we are, at best, charming and quaint. It's my observation that we seldom get the benefit of the "at best" doubt. But anyway...let's just say that it's a tough sell.

Then we proclaim that this transcendent, omnipotent and omniscient deity chose to come and be among us incarnate in human flesh. (You know the Christmas story.) Well, let me tell you, that doesn't make my job any easier. "A stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Greeks" is the way Paul put it. The monotheistic Jews and Muslims think we've gone off the deep end, the rest of the world thinks that we've always been nuts. At least it can't get any more difficult than that, right?

Well how about this: The transcendent, omnipotent, omniscient deity chooses to be born in a barn, to an unmarried teenager and her fiancé, who will soon take this helpless, defenseless newborn and will flee from the soldiers of the king and be refugees in Egypt. Are you hearing this? I'm supposed to preach this?!?

What does this tell us about this God?

What does it say about whom God wants us to be?

What does this unbelievable Incarnation mean to you and me?

Welcome to Advent at Trinity.

Blessings,



## For Us A Child is Born

Advent is an important season for us. Amidst the chaos and confusion in our world, we take time to be still, be quiet, and wait for Jesus.

### Sundays of Advent: December 2, 9 16 and 23

Traditional Worship	8:15 AM
Modern Worship	9:30 AM
Traditional Worship	11:00 AM

Friday, Nov. 30, **Prepare your Home for Advent 6-7 PM**

Sunday, Dec. 9, **Lessons & Carols 7 PM**  
*Recalling the story of Christmas through scripture, hymns and choral anthems. A dessert reception follows.*

Tuesday, Dec. 11, **Pub Theology: (Carols & Craft Ales at Ardent) 6:30 PM**  
*Singing and exploring the meanings of our favorite Christmas songs*

Thursday, Dec. 13, **Young at Heart: Mayberry Christmas 2-3:30 PM**

Friday, Dec. 14, **Parents Night Out 5-8 PM**

Friday, Dec. 14, **Youth Winter Lock-In 6:00 PM**  
*All night gathering for middle and high school youth*

Sunday, Dec. 16, **Children's Pageant 4:00 PM**  
*Trinity's children lead the telling of the Christmas story*

Thursday, Dec. 20, **Longest Night Service 7:00 PM**  
*Solstice soul care for all who are weary, grieving, stressed and heavy laden*

Monday, Dec. 24, **Christmas Eve Family Casual Service 4:00 PM**  
*An interactive experience of the Christmas story for family and friends*

**Modern Candlelight 6:00 PM**  
*Christmas story, communion, carols with full band*

**Traditional Candlelight 8:30 & 11 PM**  
*Christmas Story, communion, and carols with organ and choir.*



## Farewell to Leila Denton

For twenty-five years Leila Denton has lovingly served as the Director of Children’s Ministry here at Trinity. She has been a faithful servant of God as she has worked with children and families, teaching them and encouraging them the Christian faith. We are blessed to have had her in this capacity on our staff. Her

love of God and children is evident through all that she does.

On January 1, Leila will step down from her position here. We will celebrate her ministry with a reception on **Sunday, January 6** from **10:30 – 11 AM** in the Welcome Center. Leila will also be in the parlor at noon where you can greet her. We hope you will join us in celebrating this dedicated servant of God.



## Pub Theology

Carols and Craft Ales on **Tuesday, December 12** at 6:30 PM. Charles Staples and Drew Willson will be leading us in singing

some of our favorite Christmas carols. They will also be giving us a bit of historical background about these carols. We plan to meet in the heated tent on the Ardent Brewery deck. Last year, the fellowship and singing made for an exciting evening. Please plan to join us!!

## Cedarfield Celebration

Come join the members of Trinity’s Lay Ministry Visitation Team on **Tuesday, December 11** at Cedarfield, beginning at 3:30 PM. We will meet in the Great Room in the Health Care Center. We will have wonderful music, refreshments, a devotion, communion and - most importantly – opportunities to fellowship with our members who reside at Cedarfield. If you would like to volunteer at this event, contact Judy Oguich at [joguich@trinityumc.net](mailto:joguich@trinityumc.net). All are welcome!



## Upcoming Events

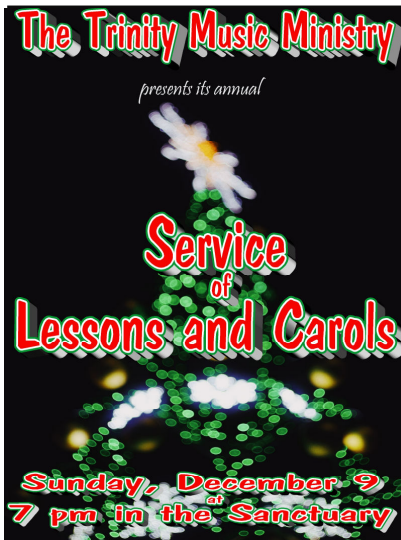
Come join Young at Heart as we travel to the University of Richmond on

**Wednesday, December 5!** For those who want to ride the church van, we will leave Trinity at 11:30 AM, have lunch in the dining hall, then attend the Osher lecture, “RVA: The Latest News About Tourism and its Importance to Richmond” by our own Jack Berry. The lecture is 1 – 3 PM. We will return to Trinity by 3:30 PM. This lecture is free and open to the public. Persons are welcome to meet us at the dining hall and/or at the lecture. To ride the church van, please register with Judy Oguich by December 2.

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

## Disciple Fast Track

Disciple Fast Track will continue in the new year for 12 weeks of studying the New Testament. All are welcome to join us. The class will start on **Sunday, January 13**, and we will be meeting in Room 323 at 10:45 AM. Bill Pike will be the leader for this class, and if you are interested in signing up, please contact Judy Oguich.



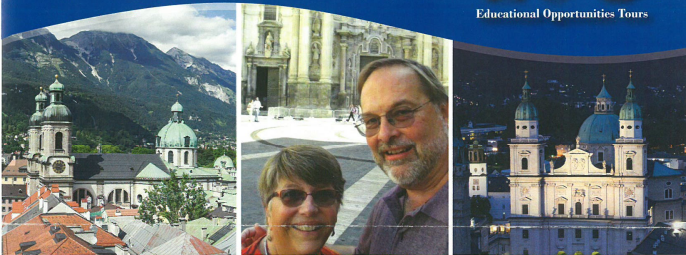
## Lessons and Carols

This year’s Service of Lessons and Carols will be **Sunday, December 9**. We will do it in the evening again at 7 PM, as this seems such an appropriate time for this beautiful service. This year’s offering includes two movements of Britten’s Ceremony of Carols with harp accompaniment and among other

favorites we’ll be again singing a piece (in Old Church Slavonic) from Rachmaninoff’s All Night Vigil. Join us afterward for desserts in Trinity Hall.

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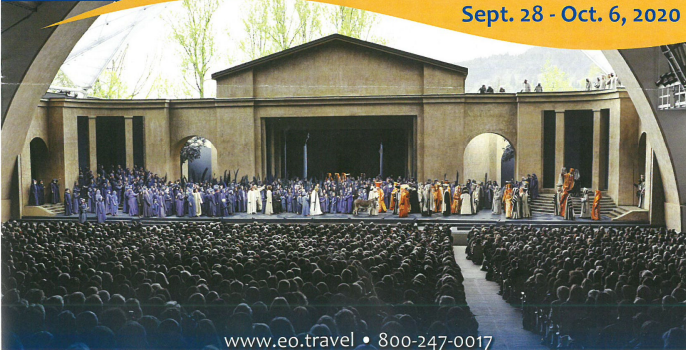


Join Revs. Larry & Amy Lenow

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## Oberammergau Passion Play Trip

Larry & Amy Lenow will host a brief meeting to answer questions about the 2020 trip to see the Oberammergau passion play at **12:15 PM on Sunday, December 9** in the **Mastin Room**. Brochures are available, please come and explore this opportunity.



## Advent Devotional

Back by popular demand- the Digital Advent Devotional!

This year, in order to help you engage daily with Advent, we are sending our devotions to you via email or text message each day. You can expect the email to arrive sometime before 6 AM each day and your text link to arrive around 7 AM. We will also be posting via social media (Facebook and Instagram) around noon. Each of these posts will contain the same content, though they will each come through to your device a little bit differently.

We hope that this new thing helps you and your family dig a little deeper and experience a more holy Advent this year. To sign up: <https://trinityumc.net/advent-devotional/> to sign up to do mobile or email. Each post will appear on that page after it goes live—a digital Advent Calendar for you!

Printed copies will be available in the Welcome Center and the Narthex starting **Monday, November 26**.



## Advent Offering

This year, our Advent offering will be given to United Methodist Family Services (UMFS). The staff at UMFS works with high-risk children and families across Virginia. Our financial support allows UMFS to make a difference in the lives of these children and their families. During worship services on December 2, 9, and 16, we will have the opportunity to learn a bit more about the many ways UMFS transforms people. Please prayerfully consider becoming an “unwavering champion”, donate to UMFS.



## Save the Date!

**Wednesday, January 23**

Bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC  
More info to follow!

Discover artifacts from the Museum Collections, including biblical artifacts, manuscripts, printed Bibles and books, and art from a range of cultures and time periods.

# Children At Trinity

## Prepare Your Home for Advent

Join us for a hands-on family event to help guide you in teaching your children about the Advent Season.

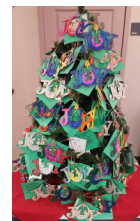
Friday, November 30th at 6:00 PM  
Please RSVP

<http://bit.ly/PreparingOurHomeforAdvent>

Friday, November 30  
6 PM to 7 PM

Advent starts four Sundays before Christmas and 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. <http://bit.ly/PreparingOurHomeforAdvent> Child-care will be provided for babies and toddlers, upon request. Leila Denton, [ldenton@trinityumc.net](mailto:ldenton@trinityumc.net).

## Gift Tree Sponsored by the Children of Trinity



If you took an ornament, remember to 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. Thanks so much for the great support you have given!!



## 2018 Children's Christmas Pageant

Come one, come all to see the 2018 Children's Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 16** at 4:00

PM in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception in The Welcome Center following the event.



Sunday School  
During the  
Christmas  
Holidays

## Children's Sunday School for the Christmas Holidays

On **Sunday, December 23**, Children's Sunday School will meet as usual. On **Sunday, December 30**, the Education Committee is inviting all N4 – 5th grade Sunday School children to come to room 300 at 9:30 AM to celebrate together.



## Parent's Night Out

On **Friday, December 14** from **5:00 to 8:00 PM** you can drop your children off for Christmas fun while you take care of some last minute Christmas details.

Parent's Night Out cost is \$10 a child (larger donations are very welcome). All of the proceeds will go to benefit Trinity Youth Missions.

Registration at <http://bit.ly/TrinityParentsNightOut>. Children will need to bring their own bag dinner. Parents will receive an email with details prior to the event. We will enjoy Christmas stories, videos, crafts, games, and other activities. If you have questions contact Bryce Miller [bmiller@trinityumc.net](mailto:bmiller@trinityumc.net).



## Las Posadas 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service

A Christmas Celebration of the pilgrimage by Joseph and Mary as they looked for a place to stay in Bethlehem. Come rejoice the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, our Lord and Savior! Sing the familiar carols with family and friends. Children are invited to bring a canned food donation for Sherbourne UMC Food Pantry.

# Youth At Trinity



## 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**. We look forward to seeing you all there!

## December 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 Parent's Night Out from 5-8 PM. After that we will have the time of our lives with games, movies, and food! If you cannot help out with Parent's Night Out, you can still come to the Lock-In at 8 PM. Sign up on the events page on our website!

<https://trinityumc.net/youth-events/>



## Middle School Conference Retreat

Extra. Ordinary. Love. It was a fantastic weekend of experiencing and living out that extraordinary love with the 30 other churches, at Eagle Eyrie, from around the conference. Powerful worship led by 360 collective, an inspiring message delivered by Rev. Joe Varner, and small group time combined to create an atmosphere where you could feel the presence of the holy spirit on that Lynchburg mountain side. I want to thank those middle school students who made the brave decision to sacrifice a weekend and take a trip into the holy with me. I also want to thank Suzanne and Rick Axtell for being fabulous adult volunteers, because without you this trip would not have been possible. I look forward to the high school retreat on November 30- December 2 (there are still slots available!) and the continued spiritual growth of our young people!



## Book Sale Update



On Saturday, October 20 in conjunction with the Handmade Harvest Craft Show the youth, with a lot of help from some very special adults, put on a used book sale. After many, many hours of sorting and organizing, the books were ready to be perused and purchased for \$1. After that day and the following two weeks of sporadic sales, the total amount raised by the sale of the books is \$2876.30 (not sure where the 30 cents came from!) A very big thank you to Amy Barefoot, Betsy Estes, Lisa Hart, Ashley Love, Deanna McCullough, Catherine McSorley, Mary Neary, Nell Smith, and Catherine Taylor who were the orchestrators of collecting, sorting, working, and getting rid of all the books. Thank you to all of the youth that helped that day selling books and working the craft show.



## Winter Weather Decisions

Making the decision to close our building based upon winter weather conditions can be a challenge.

First, the Trinity Preschool follows the Henrico County Public Schools closing decisions. If Henrico schools are closed or are on a delayed opening, then Trinity Preschool will follow the school system's plan.

For all church activities and for organizations that use the church facilities, generally, the decision to close the building will also follow the Henrico County Public Schools schedule.

**However**, our ability to re-open the building after a winter weather event depends upon how quickly we can clear our parking lots and sidewalks. If we can safely get people on to our grounds and into our building, then Trinity **might** return to normal operations quicker than the school system. As soon as the decision is made about opening/closing, we post it on our website, Face Book page, and update our phone system message.

Decisions related to closing the building on Saturdays and Sundays will be made based upon weather conditions at that time. Questions contact Bill Pike [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net)



## Calendar Year-end Contributions

IRS Code 10170A-1(b) states that only funds received by December 31, 2018 **or** postmarked by December 31, 2018 may be counted as 2018 contributions. The date of receipt or the postmark is the key to determining the year of receipt. Thus, if someone hand carries a check to the church on January 2, 2019 that is dated December 31, 2018 it is a **2019** gift according to IRS regulations. But, if a check arrives by mail at the church on January 2, 2019 and it is postmarked December 31, 2018 and the check is dated December 31, 2018 or before, it is a **2018** gift.



## The Hermitage-Richmond

The October Bake Sale and Bazaar were a huge success, making a profit of \$6,647.

Great appreciation is expressed to Trinity members who were so supportive in baking and making donations for the sale. The funds will be to purchase special technology cookware for the four "neighborhoods" of special care within Hermitage-Richmond. This will enable those in the areas to have a more homelike experience as a family.

On Service Day in December, 25 gift stockings made by the Trinity Stitchers will be filled and delivered to Trinity members and others residing at Hermitage-Richmond. The next Hidden Treasures Sale will be on December 7, from 10:30 AM-2:30 PM.

## Trinity United Methodist Women

Trinity's United Methodist Women would like to invite our congregation members to help collect needed items for our two Harvest Day mission recipients, **Housing Families First** and **Grace Inside**. The two lists of items needed can be picked up in the church office. Please bring all donations to the Mastin Room, no later than 10 AM on **Tuesday December 11** (Trinity UMW's Service Day). Please label the donations with the organization for which they are intended to be given.



## Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, flowers and love. I hope to be back with you soon.

Warmest Regards  
*George Tidey*

Trinity United Methodist Church,

I want to thank each and every member of Trinity for the beautiful cards, notes, thoughts, flowers and prayers during my recent hospitalization. The flowers made a drab hospital room into a bright cheerful room

Bless you,  
*Joyce Cardoza*

## Christmas Mother Book Drive A Success!!

Thanks to your kind hearts, **1,660 new books for children** and **120 gently used books for adults** were collected. These books were inventoried and transported to the Christmas Mother's warehouse on the afternoon of Monday, November 5. A special thanks to everyone who donated, Linda Robinson who coordinated the logistics, and to the Trinity staff for keep track of the books during the collection time. Your generosity will make a difference. Thank you!!



### Dillard Forum

Wow, Tom Berlin!! Three outstanding presentations for the Dillard Forum, we thank you. Clearly, your topic and expertise made for record setting attendance. We appreciate the leadership of the Dillard Forum Committee

Anne Burch, chair, Larry Lenow, staff, and Ev Chesley, Ann Hammack, Doug Hill, Linda Robinson, and Derek Taylor. Thanks to everyone who came out and participated.

You can review sessions from this year's Dillard Forum UMC at a Crossroads with the Rev. Tom Berlin, at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/2pfjNgWKfAG>

## Tutoring at Tuckahoe Middle School

Jackie Kelley, the Remediation Coach at Tuckahoe Middle School is looking for volunteers for the English Enrichment/Intervention classes. There are 15-18 students in most classes. The volunteers would help the students with reading fluency, vocabulary development, and comprehension. The students are reading below grade level and many are English Language Learners. The teachers are moving towards working with the students in stations, so the volunteers may have a small group of 3-4 students to work with at a time or they might work with them one-on-one. Two volunteers are needed per block on Wednesdays, the classes meet at:

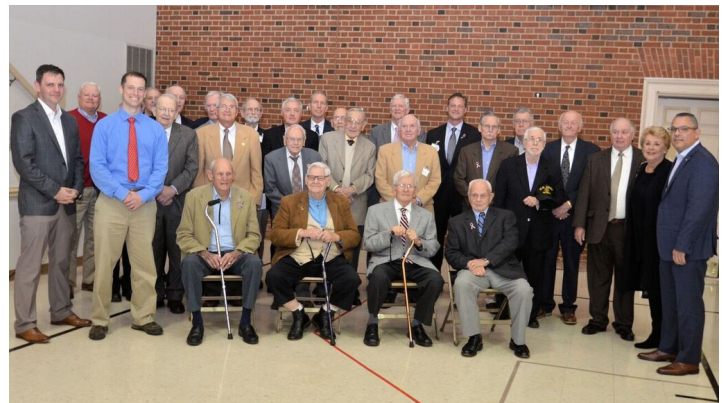
- 8:45-9:55 (one 6th grade class & one 7th grade class)
- 10:00-11:20 (one 6th grade class & one 7th grade class)
- 1:55-3:00 (one 6th grade class & one 8th grade class)

If you are interested in helping, contact Mrs. Kelley, at [jckelley@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:jckelley@henrico.k12.va.us)

## Veterans Pancake Breakfast and Boots To Suits



Thanks to everyone who turned out in support of the annual Outreach Veterans Pancake Breakfast. We appreciate the presentation from Sue Farrell who shared the story of the Boots to Suits program for our Veterans, plus a special thanks to Scott Bartholomew, Matt Benton, and Robert Skipper who shared their experiences in serving our country in the Army and Marines. We appreciate the many donations of job interview quality clothing that we received from our congregation for Boots to Suits. Scott, Matt, and Robert each spoke from their hearts recounting their work in difficult environments in Afghanistan and Iraq. This event doesn't take place without the teamwork from the Outreach Class and the church staff, and for that we thank you. Finally, we thank our Veterans and their families for your service to our country. And one more thanks to Don Floyd for playing "Taps" in honor of our Veterans who passed away during this church year.



## Elevator Funding Update



As of Sunday, November 4, we have received \$37,060.00 toward the target of \$40,000. Church Council, the Finance Committee, and the Trustees are very appreciative of your contributions. We are also thankful for the Trinity family that challenged us to participate with their \$20,000 donation.

## 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)

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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	10/28	11/4	11/11	11/18
Worship Service	435	439	421	499
Sunday School	289	312	349	290

### Our Gifts as of October 31:

Projected income to date: \$ 536,428.00  
Actual income year to date: \$ 529,622.90  
Excess (-shortfall) \$ (6,805.10)



## Joys and Concerns

### Births

*Sarah Holden Storey born on November 7 to Catherine and Andrew Storey. Her grandmother is Donna Storey*  
*Sophia Mary Elizabeth Lilly born on October 26 to Tae and Stephen Lilly.*

### New Members

*George Norris, Ellen Norris*

### Wedding

*Congratulations to the following couple who was recently married:*  
*Melanie Scarff and Jonathan Wasielewski who were married on October 20*

### Our sympathies to...

*The family of Martha Rice who died November 16*  
*The family of Charlene Moore who died November 14*  
*Bill Pike whose uncle James Ralph Pike died November 2*  
*Carol Butterworth whose father William Baldwin died November 1*  
*Kristin Beauregard whose son Joseph Beauregard died October 18*



## Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of **Don Pierce to Missions**

In memory of **Joseph Beauregard to Trinity Foundation Memorial**

In memory of **Joseph Beauregard to Youth Ministry**

In memory of **Thomas Pollard, Jr. to McClure Scholarship Fund**

In memory of **William May to Trinity Foundation Memorial**



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, December 10 at 4 PM for events taking place in January.** 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,

8 [ktingler@trinityumc.net](mailto:ktingler@trinityumc.net).