

# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Corner

New Years always convey hope. True, it is only a change in an arbitrary calendar, but it is a necessary arbitrary calendar. We need it. We survived the last year and may the new year bring blessings and opportunities and good fortune. Allow me to suggest several questions for 2019.

**How will you serve God in this new year?** As a start, be aware that Martin Luther King Day, **January 21** will bring another opportunity of *Reach Out RVA*. See the article in his issue of *The Window*.

**How will you grow in your faith journey in 2019? What is your next step?** **Sunday, January 13** is the Sunday we celebrate as the Baptism of our Lord and is the day we reflect on our own baptismal vows. We will be reflecting on spiritual growth and next steps. Don't miss it.

**Where is God leading Trinity in 2019?** Glad you asked. Let's talk about it at a Town Hall Meeting after worship (noonish) on Sunday, January 20.

This is just the first month! 2019 is chock full of opportunities for us to offer ourselves to God and the cause of Christ. May this year bring blessings, opportunities and faithfulness!

Happy New Year!



## 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.

Leila has stepped 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 great her. We hope you will join us in celebrating this dedicated servant of God.

Reach Out



Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service with Trinity UMC

## Reach Out RVA in 2019

On **Monday, January 21**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Trinity congregation will have the opportunity to serve our community.

We have partnered with Doorways, the Habitat for Humanity Restores, and Community Food Collaborations in scheduling opportunities to volunteer. Additionally, just in case you are not available on January 21, there is an opportunity to volunteer on **Friday, January 18** at Feed More.

To sign up on-line and see details for each agency go to:

<https://trinityumc.net/news/reach-out-rva/>

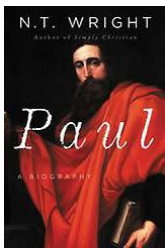
## Meet the Pastors

Are you new to Trinity? On the first Sunday of every month, Pastors Larry and Drew will be hanging out in the parlor for questions, and holy conversation with new folks. Follow signs to the parlor at 12:15 PM. The next one will be **January 6**.



## Confirmation Begins January 6

It is not too late to be part of the 2019 Confirmation Class! Confirmation begins on **January 6** at 9:30 AM in the Mastin Room. All youth in 6th grade and above who have not yet been confirmed are invited to attend. The program meets every Sunday up to Pentecost, June 9 when the youth who choose this next step in their faith journey will be confirmed. What is Confirmation? It literally means to “Make firm or solid what has gone before.” Up to this time, parents or faith mentors have committed to instruct their children and raise them in the Christian Faith. Confirmation is the time when the youth prepares to make their first public profession of Christian faith and continue on their own journey of being a Christian Disciple. For more information, contact Amy Lenow at [avlenow@gmail.com](mailto:avlenow@gmail.com) or Kim Jordan at [kmjordan23@yahoo.com](mailto:kmjordan23@yahoo.com).



## Promises Group to study “Paul” by NT Wright

Led by Sandy Berry, the Promises Study Group will begin the New Year by studying N.T. Wright’s new biography of “Paul”. The group meets every other week for one hour, Thursdays at 1 p.m. Our first class of the New Year will be **Thursday, January 10**. All are welcome to join this engaging study of Paul. Contact Sandy Berry if you are interested, [sandyberry@comcast.net](mailto:sandyberry@comcast.net).

## 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.

## Save the Date!

Ladies' Night Out for the Women of Trinity! All Ages and Stages are Welcome!  
**Thursday, January 17** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Lynn Berry's House at 8402 Spilsby Court

Look for additional information in the new year.



## Pub Theology

The record snowfall dumped on Richmond on December 9 couldn't keep us away from Pub Theology on Tuesday, December 11. Almost 90 of you turned out for an evening of Christmas carols and fellowship at Ardent Craft Ales in Scotts Addition. Thanks to the musical leadership of Charles Staples and Drew Willson, those in attendance enjoyed the songs and some interesting history about the creation of these songs. Thanks to Drew and Charles, their families, the Trinity staff, the Ardent staff, and each of you who came out. Please consider joining us again for the first Pub Theology of the new year on **Tuesday, January 15** at 6:30 p.m. at Ardent Craft Ales.



## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, January 24**  
**EngAge for Seniors in Henrico County**  
2 – 4 PM, Trinity Hall

There will be two presentations:  
Jelisa Turner, Henrico's Advocate for the Aging and  
Tyler Girvan, from GRTC, explaining the new Pulse system

Refreshments will be available. All are welcome!

## Tuckahoe Senior Living Celebration January 22, 3:30 PM

Please join us on **Tuesday, January 22** at **3:30 PM** for a visit with our members residing at Gayton Terrace. Fellowship, refreshments, communion, and an update on the activity at Trinity are included. Contact Susie Hildebrand at [shildebrand@verizon.net](mailto:shildebrand@verizon.net) or 740-7490 to volunteer or for more information.

## Bible Museum Trip

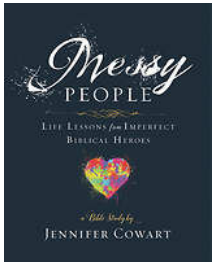
Date: **Wednesday, January 23, 2019**  
Departure Time: 7:00 AM from the parking lot at the back of Trinity Hall  
Return Time: 6:00 PM  
Sign up: This can be done on-line via the church website  
Cost: \$50 for admission and transportation  
Non-refundable  
Payment: Payment can be done via the church's Website the heading is Bible Museum Trip. Or, by check payable to Trinity UMC, please note Bible Museum. Checks sent to Diane Ladd our Financial Secretary  
Lunch: On your own, two eating areas at the museum price range \$15-\$25  
Deadline: For signing up is Monday, January 7, 2019

This trip is for adults age 21 and older. Minimum number required by the bus line for the trip to take place is 40 people. The bus holds 55. The trip is being coordinated by Trinity member, Nancy Lott. She can be reached via e-mail: [lottnancy@verizon.net](mailto:lottnancy@verizon.net) or by phone: 740-5610, or you can contact Bill Pike via e-mail: [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net) or by phone 288-6057 Ext 211.

## Property Top Ten List For 2019

Since its beginnings in the city of Richmond, Trinity congregations and staff have been dedicated to taking care of our facilities. Having a building that was constructed in phases presents some interesting challenges for maintaining and making improvements. The following list focuses on a wide range of needs. If you feel compelled to make a financial donation or have a question, please contact Bill Pike, [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net) or [dladd@trinityumc.net](mailto:dladd@trinityumc.net). Thanks for your time and consideration.

- Replace Trinity Hall Roof
- Replace membrane roof that covers a section of rooms adjacent to the Children's Wing
- Remove existing tiled ceiling in the same rooms and install new drop ceiling
- Upgrade lighting in the Sanctuary
- Install viewing monitors in the Sanctuary
- Make security improvements
- Upgrade phone system
- Interior painting
- Remove carpet in most worn areas of the building and replace
- Replace classroom chairs



## Women's Bible Study Starts February 4

Come join Deanna McCullough and others to study "Messy People" on Monday mornings, beginning **February 4**. The class will last 8 weeks (no meeting March 11). Childcare is available. The class will meet 9:30 – 11 AM. Contact Judy Oguich or Deanna McCullough to register.

## United Methodist Day at the General Assembly

We want to encourage everyone to register and attend UMDay at the General Assembly on **Thursday, January 31**.

We will meet at Bon Air UMC at 7 AM for breakfast. Then we will board busses to go down to the capital, where we will have a guide. We will learn about the bills coming before the Assembly, attend conferences and speak to our representatives.

Then the busses will pick us up and return to Bon Air where our lunches will be waiting. After lunch we have speakers to more clearly define the issues. Our day will end at 3:30.

To sign up go to:

<http://www.richmonddistrictumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/December2018.pdf>

## Sherbourne Food Pantry

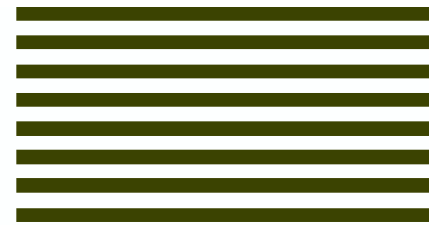


We appreciate the uptick in contributions on first Sundays for the Sherbourne Food Pantry. As we push into the New Year, we hope you will continue to support this very important ministry. Please re-

member the food items you contribute need to be packaged in metal cans, plastic jars, or paper. Glass packaging doesn't always have a successful ride over to Sherbourne. Also, double bagging your items insures better handling for the volunteers. Thanks for your assistance, keep those donations coming.

# YOUTH AT TRINITY

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## SKI AND SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

Nothing helps you to explore your understanding of the spirit more than hurtling down a mountain covered in snow!!! Join us for a fun filled weekend at the Wintergreen Resort from January 25-28. This retreat features an in depth look at a topic of your choosing. Over the next couple of months, you will be able to suggest a topic for this retreat, and then we will all vote for the most popular choice on a Sunday at youth group.

Along with exploring this topic in large and small group discussions, we will also take to the mountain! Activities such as skiing/snowboarding/tubing will be offered throughout the weekend. If you are not a thrill seeker and wish to just enjoy a weekend away with friends, that is allowed too!

This retreat is for students who are in 7th Grade and older. For more information please visit the [sign up](#) on our website.

### JAN. 6

Worship Night at Reveille UMC. Join us for games, Mellow Mushroom, and worship led by Rev. Joe Torrence and 360 Collective Band. Click [here](#) to sign up!

### JAN. 11-12

Youth Leadership training. This is for those people who are interested in volunteering within our youth ministry. Will learn what I expect at out of my volunteers and how we do ministry at Trinity.

### JAN. 18-21

Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service will be similar to our Reach out RVA that we did in September. We have partnered with a variety of ministries through out the weekend like Doorways, Habitat, etc. Sign up [here](#).

Give us a blurb about a story on page 4.

## | DECEMBER 2018 REVIEW |

### VAUMC Called 2018 High School Retreat

On November 30, a group of 12 students and adults boarded that church bus and travelled two and a half hours to the Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center in Lynchburg, VA. While there, the group explored and experienced the Extra.Ordinary.Love of God through worship, small groups, workshops, and fun fellowship with each other and 400 students from around Virginia. It was a trip that brought a new perspective to how much God loves us and how through our fears and doubts we are filled entirely with the fullness of God.



“The retreat helped me reach that mountain top experience I needed during a stressful time. It was good to disconnect with social media and grow even closer to my church family.”

*-Olivia Weitzel*

Group that attend the retreat:  
Annabelle Glassman, Matthew McCullough, Sophie Jared, Sarah Lyons, Maddy Martin, Lacey Wortzel, Olivia Weitzel, Suzanne Axtell, Lucy McLaughlin, Brooke Evans, Melissa Holmes, Bryce Miller

## More pictures from our December events:

### 01

Chilling at the Winter Lock-in

### 02

High school seniors, and Melissa, before the senior banquet at the conference retreat



### 03

A selfie at the conference retreat #Called2018

### 04

Enjoying the midnight breakfast at the lock-in



# Children At Trinity



## 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.

## Children's Choir News

**January 9** is when Children's Choirs begin again for the 2019 New Year! The Celestial Choir (N4 – Kindergarten) will meet in 317 at 5:15 PM and the Treble Singers (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) will meet in the Choir room at 5:15 PM. **JOIN the FUN!!**



**B**ible  
**L**earning  
**A**nd  
**S**haring  
**T**ogether

## BLAST – Bible Learning And Sharing To- gether For 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Sunday, January 27

An event will be held in **Trinity Hall** during the **9:30 AM** Sunday School time for kids and parents. **Children and parents** (or other adult) will have fun learning a little more about using the Bible. The event is designed for an adult and child to work together at their own pace in a learning center environment. Children will experience practical ways to discover God's Word and make the Bible a part of their everyday life. Parents will learn how to cultivate children's use of the Bible at home. **Remember to bring your Bible!**

## Gift Tree

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

From the photo, the back of this pickup truck looks like Santa's sled, loaded with gifts for children at Central UMC. We sincerely appreciate your kind hearts and your capacity to help children in need. Without question, you were a light for the children at Central UMC. Leila Denton said this is always one of the best days of the year when she makes the delivery. Again, we thank you!



## Upward Sports Ministry Upward Season

The teams are all organized and practice has begun! Come watch the games in the new year! See the kids play and

cheer for eight Saturdays starting **January 5**.

## Tutoring Ridge Elementary School

Ridge Elementary school in Henrico County is looking for 10-15 volunteers to work with students after school. The program starts on **Tuesday, January 8** thru Tuesday, May 21. Volunteers will assist with homework, and there is a mentoring component too. If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer tutor at Ridge Elementary School, please contact Bill Pike via e-mail: [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net) or office phone 804-288-6056 Ext 211.

## 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. 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)

## 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)



## The Hermitage-Richmond

Hidden Treasures ended the year with a profit of \$28,320.71. This is a wonderful amount that can be used by the home to enhance living for our seniors there. Many thanks go to all those who have donated items over the year which can be sold in the store, donated to Boots for Suits, Samaritan Thrift and United Methodist Family Services. We continue to appreciate the support of the Trinity family. The next opening of Hidden Treasures is **January 25**, at 10:30.

Nancy Miller and Marble Jones



## 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.

Please try to get your contributions for the calendar year into the church office by December 31, 2018. If you have any questions, call Diane Ladd at 288-6057 ext. 203.



## 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)



## Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of *Al Pierce* to *Missions*

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

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

In memory of *Carl Cavallaro* to *Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship*

In memory of *Charlene Moore* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial*

In memory of *Evelyn Carlton* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial*

In memory of *Martha Rice* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial*

In memory of *Martha Rice* to *Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship*

In honor of *Joseph, Mary-Holland, Drew & Amelia Thompson* to *Trinity General Operating Fund*

In honor of *Bernard Jones* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial*



## Joys and Concerns

### Births

*Riley Josephine Tepe* born on *December 4* to *Melinda and Steven Tepe*. Her grandparents are *Dave and Gail Clelland*.

*Mabel Ruth and Theodore William Harris* born on *November 27* to *Sara and Benjamin Harris*. Their grandparents are *Kevin and Kim Harris*.

### Baptism

*Byrd Booker*

### Wedding

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

*Laura Ramsey and Ross Tudor* who were married on *December 8*

### Our sympathies to...

*Kay King* whose mother *Betty Lambert* died *December 10*  
*The family of Dot Jenkins* who died *November 22*



## Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for the cards, visits and the beautiful prayer quilt from the Trinity Stitchers. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness during my recent illness.

God bless you,  
**Ruth Freeman**

To Our Church Family,

It is truly comforting to have the support and prayers of our Church Family since our life altering issues. The alter flowers, cards, visits and prayers are greatly appreciated by Bernard and me.

Bernard is progressing slowly but has a great attitude and we know his healing will take considerable time so please keep him in your prayers for strength and wholeness. Our thanks to all for the kindness you have extended and a Blessed Christmas to all.

Warm regards,  
**Marble and Bernard Jones**

## 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	11/25	12/2	12/9	12/16
Worship Service	424	497	295	581
Sunday School	217	293	149	309

## Our Gifts as of November 30:

Projected income to date:	\$ 664,835.00
Actual income year to date:	\$ 657,099.79
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ (7,735.21)



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, January 21 at 4 PM for events taking place in February**. Articles may be submitted prior to the deadline, and we encourage early submissions. Articles must be submitted in writing with the contact person's name to Kim Tingler, [ktingler@trinityumc.net](mailto:ktingler@trinityumc.net).