

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

Growing Disciples, Inspiring Generosity.

I so appreciate the theme of our 2019 Stewardship Campaign. Actually we used it last year, but it is so appropriate, so important, so *true* that our Stewardship Committee decided to continue it this year. **Promise Sunday is February 10.** I know that you are hearing very important information about the work of the church, the impact that we are making, budget and financial need. This is all as it should be. But I would invite you to think of your promise in a different way.

I vividly remember an experience I had when I was about 10 or 12 years of age. My family was sitting in church, waiting for the service to begin. Maybe we had been a little late that morning, but apparently my mother had not had the time to fill out her offering envelope in advance. I was sitting next to her as she pulled the offering envelope out of her purse, then pulled out her checkbook and proceeded to make out a check. I was astounded! I don't remember what the amount was, but I do remember that to my lawn-cutting for \$20 sensibilities it seemed a fortune. That is when I realized that my parents were serious about their faith. Attending church was always just something we just did. They never talked about faith at home (sound familiar?). But by surreptitiously glancing over and seeing that check I realized that this was an important part of their lives. It had an impact on me. (By the way, parents, you are always being watched.)

For Amy and me giving is a joy. God has been very good to us. Our giving is our way of confessing that God is the source of all our blessings, dedicating our lives to God, and being part of the ongoing cause of Jesus Christ.

Please listen carefully to all the information about budget, finances, ministries, and possibilities. It is all important. But *far more important* is your need and my need to live out our faith. Please consider this all prayerfully. Giving is fundamentally a spiritual matter. Growing disciples; inspiring generosity, get it?

Blessings,

Growing Disciples – Inspiring Generosity

On Sunday, January 20, we kicked off the 2019 Stewardship Campaign. To begin the campaign, Sandy and Elaine Peele, Trinity Members, shared why they give to Trinity. The Peeles emphasized the blessings they have had in the past and building for the future.

Promise Sunday is February 10, 2019.

This year we have a goal of receiving \$1,650,000.00 in pledges. We believe reaching this goal will improve our capacity to carry out the work the good Lord needs us to do and fund all of the budget requests we will receive this year. Once we reach our goal, we will have a Celebration of Generosity to rejoice in all of the good work our church has done and will do!

This year, we will also honor those groups who had 100% participation in the 2018-2019 campaign: Asbury Covenant Group, Creation Care Committee, Early Risers, Dillard Monday Night Bible Study Group, Pastor's Covenant Group, Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study, Promises Study Group, Remnants, Sisters Bible Study Group, Susannah Wesley Covenant Group, Women of Wonder, Lay Visitation Team, Christian Beliefs Sunday School Class, and the Outreach Sunday School Class.

Corey Booker is the chairman of the Stewardship Committee this year. Joining Corey are Joseph Thompson, Alexis Lyons, Joe Andrews, Colby Benton, Matt Benton, Dan Berlin, Brian Ford and Dianne Moore. Providing support and coordination of many moving parts are the Trinity Staff. If you have questions along the way, don't hesitate to reach out to the Stewardship Committee.

For many years, our congregation has "sown bountifully" with our financial promises. From that sowing God has blessed our work abundantly.

God has more work for us to do.

He needs our collective generosity.

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 **February 3**.



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 remember 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.

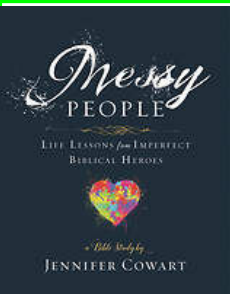


Tackle Hunger 2019, The "Souper Bowl" of Caring

Children's Ministry is sponsoring the "Souper Bowl" collection this year along with many others nationwide. On **February 3**, kids will be stationed in the foyers outside of the sanctuary and the Welcome Center doors after each service. Help us to transform the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration to tackle hunger. The proceeds will be used to support Sherbourne UMC food pantry.

Faithworks and Lifechoices Sunday School classes have issued a matching gift challenge, both classes will each match up to \$250 to the "Souper Bowl of Caring".

Women's Bible Study



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 in room 323. Contact Judy

Oguich or Deanna McCullough to register.



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on

Tuesday, February 12 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!



Women Offering Belongingness

Join UMW on **Tuesday, February 12** at 10:15 AM in Trinity for a per-

formance by the students of Miracles in Motion, director Kim Moncrief. Miracles in Motion was created in 2007 to provide quality dance instruction to people with special needs while promoting awareness in the community through the joy of dancing. Come and enjoy the dancers as they share their talents with us.



Join Young at Heart on **Valentine's Day!**

2 – 3:30 PM, in Trinity Hall

Tuckahoe Square Dance Club is coming and will give a demonstration, followed by audience participation. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events:

- March 14** The Valentine Museum presents Byrd Park, the Carillon and Canals
- April** Trip to the Chesterfield Zoo
- May** Trip to the Antique Buggy Museum in Blackstone, VA

Westminster Canterbury Celebration

Trinity will go to Westminster Canterbury on **Tuesday, February 26** from **3:30-4:30 PM** to visit and worship with our members in residence there. Join us in the Jaquelyn Room to share fellowship and then for Holy Communion in their lovely chapel. The residents there look forward to having our members come for this time together and hear of the activities at Trinity and reconnect with members there.

To volunteer, or to provide refreshments, contact Nancy Owen at 740-7615 or neowen1@verizon.net.



Aerobics and Yoga

Aerobics in Trinity Hall is offered every Tuesday at 10:15 & Thursday at 10:30.

This gentle, low-impact aerobics class is suitable for both beginners and seniors. It includes 30 minutes of safe movements designed to build cardiovascular strength, and 25 minutes of exercises to tone, strengthen and stretch the muscles while sitting in chairs. For more information call Candace Braxton at 475-1084.

Mixed-level Yoga is offered every Thursday morning from 8:30-10:00 in Room 321. Practicing yoga helps improve strength, flexibility, balance and posture. Yoga also helps reduce stress while bringing awareness to the breath. Contact Toni Halstead for more information at 512-5291.

Chair Yoga is offered every Monday at 4:00 and Wednesday at 3:00 in the Welcome Center. This class is practiced while sitting in a chair and standing. The class includes breath work, gentle stretches & range-of-motion movements of the joints, and standing poses to improve balance and muscular strength. For more information contact Toni at yogamom52@att.net or 512-5291.

Boy Scout Yard Sale



Each year, BSA Troop 799 holds one fundraising event. Our spectacular yard sale is right around the corner on **Saturday, March 9**. Please help us make it a success by donating your gently used treasures. We need books, toys, sporting goods, clothing, electronics (except CRT TVs), housewares, and select furniture. PODs will be available behind the church beginning March 1.

For questions, contact Susan Kooch at 363-5856 (text/voice) or skoochster@gmail.com.

Interested in a Circle?

Ladies - if you are not currently involved in Trinity's UMW and would like to see what the group is all about, contact Shari at 804-338-0531 to get more information about Circle 7's activities. You would be welcome to attend any of our meetings - no strings attached! We normally meet at Trinity at 7 PM on the second Thursday of the month, but we may alter our meeting date in February because the second Thursday is Valentine's Day!

College Students

Do you have a son or daughter (or other relative) in college this year? Trinity's UMW Circle 7 wants to write Trinity's college students a note of encouragement and mail it to them in February.

Please forward your child's snail mail address to Shari Adams at sladams05@gmail.com.



Trinity Foundation Scholarships

The Trinity Foundation is pleased to announce that it will offer scholarships again this year to Trinity members for undergraduate and graduate studies. Applications are now available in the Welcome Center and online at www.trinityumc.net/scholarships. Completed applications must be returned to the church office by noon on **Wednesday, April 3**. These scholarships are made possible because families and friends have established scholarship funds through the Trinity Foundation.

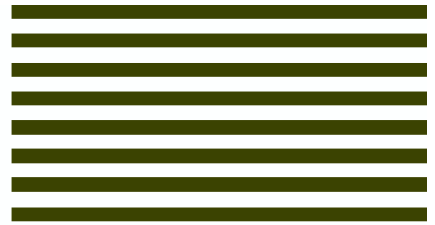


The Hermitage-Richmond

Start the New Year with cleaning out your closets and donating unused items to Hidden Treasures at Hermitage-Richmond. We take kitchen, household items, and furniture in good condition. Sale dates continue to be on the fourth Friday of each month from 10:30 AM-2:00 PM. Questions, call Nancy Miller (740-3772).

YOUTH AT TRINITY

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FEB. 3

Super Bowl Sunday Parties: Middle School at the Glassman's house, High School at the Blackmon's house. Don't miss out on watching the games with your friends.

MAR. 6

Ash Wednesday Services: morning drive thru ashes and coffee before school and work, early evening service in the Sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

MAR. 30

Spring Break Mission Trip to Redbird, Kentucky. This is a new opportunity for us, we will be partnering with Shady Grove UMC and taking a trip to Kentucky to be in service during our Spring Break from school. If you are looking to give back in your free time, sign up [here](#).

SPRING RETREAT @ CAMP WILLOW RUN

We will be returning to Camp Willow Run again this year for our annual spring retreat from March 15-17. This is an awesome event to invite all of your friends to, who might be interested in joining a community that truly cares about each other and what it can look like to live a different way. We will be joining with the staff at Camp Willow Run to do some fun and adventurous activities, eat some good homecooked food, and engage in a time of worship and explore some teachings of

Jesus in small groups. The cost of the retreat is \$60, and that includes all transportation, meals, and activities during the weekend.

There are 50 slots for middle and high school students, 6 for college age small group leaders, and a handful for adult chaperones. If you are looking for a weekend to get away from the busy day to day hassle of life, make sure you sign up, for a retreat away into the Kingdom, soon before all of the slots fill up! Sign up [here](#).

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Ski and Spirituality Retreat 2019

This past weekend, a group of 21 middle and high school students, with 6 adults, teamed up with 14 friends from Shady Grove UMC for a ski and spirituality retreat in Wintergreen, VA. We shared meals together, tubing and skiing sessions, sleeping quarters, and times of worship and reflection. Not only did we get to learn some new spiritual practices that we can use here at home to grow closer to God, but we got to live them out. Lectio divina, centering prayer, and Ignatian Examen were some of these new techniques. We also got to explore what it really meant to live in the Kingdom of God.



“Not only was this a trip filled with fun activities like tubing, snowboarding, and beating people at spoons... it was also a retreat from the kingdom of chaos and noise, into God’s creation and living into the Kingdom of God with our neighbors from Shady Grove.”

-Bryce Miller

Group that attend the retreat:
Landon Romanosky, Lucy McLaughlin, Sara Lyons, Austin Ford, Russell Swartz, Roger Hart, Lora Young, Ryan Alexander, Kara Young, Brooke Evans, Ella Mortimer, Harrison Monette, Lacey Wortzel, Luke Bitsko, Jackson Kennedy, Sarah Robins, Ryan Evans, Annabelle Glassman, Zach Smith, Walt Romaosky

More pictures from our December events:

01

Worship Night at Revielle UMC

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MLK Jr. Day of Service Project before

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Group loving on the Ski and Spirituality Retreat

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Youth Group Friendship



Town Hall Meeting Summary

Close to 100 Trinity members came to the Town Hall meeting on Sunday, January 20 to hear Senior Pastor, Larry Lenow, present a compact report of findings regarding the Unstuck consultation. It has been a year since our work started with Unstuck. During that time frame, a team of Trinity members worked directly with Unstuck leaders to frame four essential areas of adjustment for Trinity's future.

The four areas are kids/students, worship, the building, and welcoming.

With kids/students, the first task is a Staff Parish led search for a new director of Kids ministry. This search has already started. Beginning with the 2019 Confirmation class, we have moved away from our traditional footprint by implementing a small group approach. Finding ways to involve our kids/students more into our worship services is part of this push too.

Worship will require a few more months of deliberation and study. Some slight adjustments have already been implemented in our worship services. Recently, you might have noticed a difference in the traditional communion services, morning announcements, and the scripture reading. Unstuck also recommended looking at the timing of our worship services in combination with the worship needs of our kids/students.

For the building, prior to the Unstuck consultation, a Facilities Task Force had been put together to access our building needs. A part of the Unstuck findings was also in regard to the building. Interestingly, both the Task Force and the Unstuck team were closely aligned in their final areas of focus: We have a very nice traditional facility, but it is tired and older sections could use a facelift. The Trustees contracted with local architect, Jim Byerly, to look at these tired older sections. On February 4, Mr. Byerly will be presenting a report of recommendations to the Trustees and the chairs of Finance and Church Council.

Our Connect team has been working to improve how we welcome people. Perhaps, you have noticed prior to the 9:30 service members of the Connect team are located at strategic entranceways to greet people and answer questions. Additionally, Connect has made a point of emphasis with a special postcard for our guests. Guests who provide their contact information are mailed the postcard, and the postcard acknowledges a food donation to Feed More made in their honor. But, the Connect team is also looking at our interior and exterior signage as a means for helping our guests to more easily navigate Trinity. They are awaiting a report from Whitmore Designs who has completed an assessment.

We appreciated your patience and support as we worked through the Unstuck process. Consultations require a careful review of an organization's past and present in order to be able to plan for the future. And as your Unstuck team hit assorted benchmarks, Church Council, Finance, Staff Parish, and the Trustees were kept in the loop. Additionally, as required, our Unstuck team sought the approval of Church Council as the four areas of focus began to evolve.

If you have additional questions, contact our Senior Pastor, Larry Lenow.

Reach Out



Reach Out RVA

Thanks to everyone who signed up to volunteer in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with Reach Out RVA.

Over thirty Trinity members gave of their time at Feed More, the Sherbourne Food Pantry, Doorways, the Community Food Collaborative, and Leaves Disappear. At Feed More, ten volunteers packaged 1200 boxes of food items for malnourished seniors and 150 bags of food for furloughed federal employees. Ten more volunteers transported 103 bags of food to the Sherbourne Food Pantry. Once at the pantry these volunteers sorted and stocked the food items. A Trinity family plus friends worked at the Community Food Collaborative near Fairfield Middle School in Henrico County. General cleanup, pre-spring weeding of beds, and mulching took place at this garden. Over at Doorways, a team of four removed, packed, and stored all of the Christmas items. Another team, a part of Leaves Disappear, assisted a Young at Heart family in clearing their yard of leaves.

We appreciate the nonprofits who collaborated with us, and we thank all of the volunteers who gave of their time to make a difference.



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 bpiketrinity@trinityumc.net



Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for welcoming us to have my mother's service of remembrance at Trinity. The behind the scenes, the Prayers, the hands that prepared and served the food and the incredible music brought us comfort and joy. Thank you for the "Christmasy flowers of red and white" and for the remembrances. Advent holds many surprises.

Kay and Dennis King

Dear Fellow Trinity Congregants,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support, prayers, visits, and meals during my at-home convalescence in December. Happily, I am now pain free; have returned to my practice; and anticipate again ushering during our team's March rotation.

Peace and Blessings,

Charles Gaskins

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you for the uplifting prayers and comforting cards during the past year as we journeyed through the illness and death of our mother, Charlene Moore. We treasure the memories that you've shared with us of her over 50 years at Trinity. The joyous celebration of life and generous reception were greatly appreciated. We are truly blessed to have such a loving and supportive church family.

Dorothy Woodford and Dianne Moore

Many of you have been so kind to offer congratulations and well wishes on my recent retirement. It has been an honor to be in ministry with children at Trinity for over 25 years. Thanks for all the years of encouragement, love and support.

Also, on behalf of my family, I wish to convey our great appreciation for the outpouring of sympathy after the death of our Dad, Rick West. Thank you for the wonderful memorial service and reception in celebration of Dad's life.

It is such a blessing to be a part of the Trinity family!

With Joy,

Leila Denton

Thanks UMW

The Trustees very much appreciate the \$1000 donation from our UMW to the property fund. This donation will be put to good use.

Thank You Notes Cont.

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for your expressions of love and concern for the Oguich family during our recent surgeries.

Abby is on the mend from her ACL repair surgery in December. She was on the treadmill just last week at physical therapy. And, it's important to note, her physical therapist here in Richmond trained the physical therapist Abby has in Lynchburg! God continues to look out for us.

My third (!) eye surgery in January went well – the oil was removed and an air bubble was inserted, which has now dissipated. I will have cataract surgery in March and then be back to “seeing” normal. (Don't ever take your vision for granted!)

We are grateful to be a part of this community of faith – our family. Thank you for your calls, texts, cards, meals – and most importantly – your prayers.

To God be the glory for His healing mercies.

Love,

Eric, Judy, Garrett and Abby Oguich



Advent Offering

Your generous hearts did it again!! We appreciate the Advent offering of \$13,552.92 for United Methodist Family Services (UMFS). As you know, UMFS does significant work with children across the Commonwealth of Virginia. This donation will allow UMFS to continue to have a positive impact in the lives of children.

Kids Club

Please consider helping out with a very important mission project that TUMC participates in with a Methodist church in the Manchester area of Richmond. Great things are happening in our Trinity in Richmond outreach!

Please sign up to provide a hot meal to the children who attend Kids Club and Teen group at Central United Methodist Church. The church is located at 1211 Porter St, Richmond, VA 23224

Many of you have graciously served before and we thank you!

Hilary Coakley and Sarah Shutt

Please use the link to sign up and find out the details.

<https://goo.gl/iusL7J>

Tips for February Fun While Caring for God's Creation

- This Valentine's Day, show your love for the earth by sending recycled-content greeting cards
- making new cards from scrap paper or
- attaching new backs to the fronts of old cards.

This can be a craft project for family and friends that helps everyone reduce paper waste while saving money! Also consider sending electronic valentines.

For Valentine's gifts:

- bake cookies or other goodies for your valentine and package them in reusable and/or recyclable containers as gifts. Home-made goodies show how much you care and help you avoid packaging waste.
- Consider also buying long-lasting silk flowers, potted plants, or live bushes, shrubs, or trees that can be planted in the spring.

While shopping the President's Day sales, think "green":

- Bring your own reusable cloth bag for carrying your purchases
- Try to buy items with minimal packaging
- Buy items made with recycled content. For example, buy fleece jackets made from recycled soda bottles, sneakers made with recycled rubber soles, or clothes made from recycled cotton scraps.

Even in winter, make caring for God's creation part of your daily routine!



Joys and Concerns

New Members

Kate Robertson, Beverly Bernardin

Our sympathies to...

*Ashley Love whose mother Jane Sydney Meloy died
January 22*

*Laura Schmitt whose mother Nancy Topper died
January 22*

The family of Chris Cottrell who died January 20

The family of Anne Shehee who died January 5

The family of Rick West who died December 29

*The family of Essie Bryce Gordon who died December 24
Nancy Knight whose brother Jerry Yates died
December 24*



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of *Rick West* to *Trinity UMC
Choir Fund*

In memory of *Rick West* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial*

In memory of *Dorothy Jenkins* to *Trinity Foundation
Memorial*

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

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	1/6	1/13	1/20	1/27
Worship Service	457	0	460	456
Sunday School	311	0	331	249

Our Gifts as of December 31:

Projected income to date:	\$ 928,242.00
Actual income year to date:	\$ 934,360.76
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ 6,118.76

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)



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, February 18 at 4 PM for events taking place in March.** 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.