

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

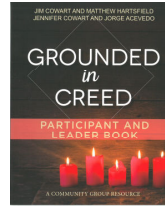
Acts 15:1-29 describes the Council of Jerusalem. It dealt with the first controversy facing the Church of Jesus Christ, to wit, whether one first had to become Jewish in order to become Christian. It could be called a question of inclusion. Did the Gentiles (Greeks) whom Paul and company were converting, baptizing and forming into churches need to follow the Law of Moses or not? Did the males need to be circumcised and all the converts follow the dietary and morality laws. These were not insignificant questions and given the controversy we may rightly assume that there were passionate arguments on both sides. But the Council of Jerusalem adopted a plan that brought the church together.

Alas, some things never change. Indeed, I am aware of no time in Christian history in during which the Church of Jesus Christ was not embroiled in controversy. This is less a sign of a lack of faith than it is the inevitable consequence of striving to follow Christ while living in this world.

The special session of General Conference met in St. Louis, Feb. 23-26. It rejected the compromise One Church Plan designed to bring the church together (or at least to allow each to follow their conscience.) Rather the Conference adopted the Traditional Plan. Its authors describe it as a plan of accountability; it includes measures of strict enforcement of our current policy. This is a difficult time for the UMC. There is much hurt and pain on the part of those being excluded, their families and loved ones. The controversy is far from over. I cannot tell you what the future will hold. But I do know who holds the future. Our only task is to faithful. We will be holding a **General Conference Debrief** this **Sunday, March 3 at noon** (after worship) in the Sanctuary. We will do our best to let you know what just happened.

What has not changed, what will never change is our call to follow Jesus Christ, to be centered on Jesus Christ and to love like Jesus Christ. See you Sunday.

Blessings,



What Do We Believe?

What do we believe? What are the essentials of the Christian faith? What does the Church teach? And how are we formed and shaped by these claims? Larry and Amy Lenow will be tackling these questions in a 6 week Lenten study *Grounded in Creed*. This 100 level class (great for beginners, you don't need to already know anything!) is based on The Apostles' Creed, our earliest confession of faith. Whether you are exploring the Christian faith, or you feel like you've missed something or you just want a refresher during Lent, you are invited. There will be lots of discussion and fun as well.

Sundays 5:30 PM beginning **March 10**. Cost of the participant book is \$15. Please sign up so we can have enough books for everyone.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us for a pancake dinner in Trinity hall on **Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 PM** to fellowship and get our sillies out before the solemnity of Lent.



Ash Wednesday

Wear the ancient sign of your faith all day: between 7-8 AM on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**, come by Trinity's front doors to receive ashes on your forehead, no need to even get out of your car!

Pastors Larry and Drew will be outside and out front on Trinity's front steps bestowing ashes, blessings, and free coffee for anyone who stops by.

Start your Lenten journey this year with this fresh expression of faithfulness. See you bright and early!

We will then continue with a worship service in the sanctuary at 12 noon and at 6:45 PM, which will include the imposition of ashes.

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 **March 3**.



Boy Scout Yard Sale

Each year, BSA Troop 799 holds one fund-raising 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 are available behind the church.

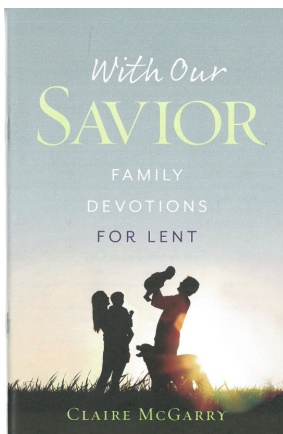
For questions, contact Susan Kooch at 363-5856 (text/voice) or skoochster@gmail.com.



Pub Theology

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

be held on **Tuesday, March 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!



Lenten Devotional Offered "With Our Savior"

We call Jesus "Our Savior" because he died on the cross to save us from our sins. There will never be anyone who makes such an enormous sacrifice for us. As we journey through Lent "With Our Savior", we will learn who God is calling us to be. Each daily devotion includes a reflection question

for families. Copies of the devotion will be available **Sunday, March 3**.

A Lenten Children's calendar will also be distributed on **Sunday, March 3** first to Children's Sunday School classes. Extra copies will be placed in the Welcome Center.



Thursday, March 14 – 2 – 3:30 PM in Trinity Hall
Come join Young at Heart for a program on Byrd Park, the Carillon and the Canals, presented by the staff of the Valentine Museum. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!

Thursday, April 11 - Day Trip to Blackstone, VA - 9:15 AM – 3 PM.

Come join us as we travel to Blackstone to visit the Historic Buggy Museum and then have lunch at the Herb Cottage. We will also do some shopping at a couple of antique stores. Cost is \$15 (lunch, tax, gratuity, gas). Registration will take place March 31 and April 7 in Connection Alley. All are welcome!

Coming Up:

Trip to the Chesterfield Zoo in May

Trip to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown in June

Dinner at Tanglewood Ordinary in June

Cedarfield Celebration

Come join the members of Trinity's Lay Ministry Visitation Team on **Tuesday, March 26** 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, 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
All are welcome!

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Tuesday, March 12

"A Thriving Generation Working for Equal Opportunities and the Well Being of Children"

10:15 AM Worship in the Chapel, Mrs. Darlene Amon, will be our guest speaker. A pot-luck salad luncheon follows in Trinity Hall. Sponsored by Trinity's United Methodist Women. All are welcome!



Mediterranean Supper and Stories Maundy Thursday, April 18,

Join us in Trinity Hall for an exciting engagement of table traditions around Maundy Thursday and Jesus's last supper with his disciples. Lamb and/or falafel supper starts at **6:00 PM**, more interaction with the story begins at 6:30 PM. Please let the church office know by Thursday, April 11 if you'd like to join us.

Holy Week and Easter at Trinity

Holy Week:

Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 18: 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday
Mediterranean Supper and Stories

Take your place among Jesus' disciples on the night he was betrayed. First share in holy communion, and then experience footwashing as a new gift of humble servanthood.

Friday, April 19: 7:30 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service

This simple but profound service of remembrance uses music, readings and increasing darkness to strip away all pretense and to encounter the Passion of Christ.

Easter Sunday, April 21:

6:30 AM: Sunrise Service

8:00 AM: Traditional Celebration (*note time change*)
Celebration of the Resurrection: Choir, organ, brass, Holy Communion

9:30 AM: Modern Celebration
Celebration of the Resurrection: Praise band, Holy Communion

11:00 AM: Traditional Celebration
Celebration of the Resurrection: Choir, organ, brass, Holy Communion

Remember to bring fresh cut flowers to decorate the cross!



Casting Call!

Women of all ages are needed to portray historical figures at a mid-day event on **Tuesday, May 14**. For more information, contact Sandy Cain: email at scain811@aol.com or call 804-747-9671.



Bible
Learning
And
Sharing
Together

BLAST – Bible Learning And Sharing Together for 4th Graders Sunday, March 3

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!**

Save the Date!

Annual Kindergarten Bible Presentation will be **Sunday, May 19**, 9:30 – 10:30 AM in Trinity Hall. Family and extended family members are welcome!

Questions – contact Judy Oguich joguich@trinityumc.net



Summer
Forum

Outreach Summer Forum

The dates for the annual Outreach Summer Forum will be on the following Sundays: **June 23, July 14, and August 25**. We have a good assortment of local speakers scheduled to present this summer. Please mark your calendars for these dates as your classes plan their summer schedules. More information will be forthcoming.

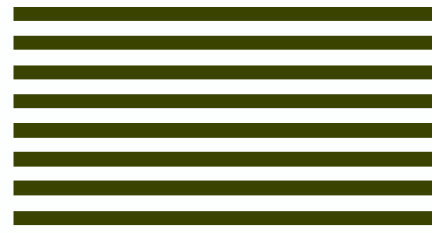
Save the Dates!

Adult Mission Trip to North Carolina

Trinity is committed to send an adult mission team to Newton, North Carolina from **Sunday, September 15 – Saturday, September 21**. This team will be working to assist homeowners in the eastern part of the state who were impacted by last summer's hurricanes. For more information, contact Bryce Miller bmiller@trinityumc.net or Bill Pike bpike@trinityumc.net.

YOUTH AT TRINITY

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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

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](#).

APR. 26

Our spring lock in is shaping up to be a fantastic evening of fun and fellowship. We will gather together for dinner, a movie, games, midnight breakfast, and a small devotion time. This is a great event to bring your friends to!

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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Super Bowl Parties

We love to party!!! High school and middle school students gathered at separate houses hosted by our wonderful volunteers. They partied all night with food, drinks, desserts, football bingo, and defensive football. Thank you so much to our hosts, the Blackmon's and the Glassman's, your willingness to open your homes to a mass of students is mych appreciated. Thank you to all of the parents and students who prepared tasty treats, and to all of those who came out for a fun time!



We have seen many changes to confirmation this year, the addition of small group mentors on Sunday mornings, further discussion in these small groups on our themes and topics, and a confirmation lock-in. This lock-in took place on a Friday night and was tied into a trip to Temple Beth-el for a Jewish worship experience. We learned about our Jewish roots and had fun playing games and getting to know each other at church

Group that attend the retreat:
Matthew Estes, Mason Shepherd, Lizzie McCullough, Jason Bond, Walker Vaughn, Griffin Belding, Anna Barrow, Adaline Glassman, Allison McCullough, Kaliegh McPhail, India Vickery, Natalie Dike, Sarah Ford

More pictures from our December events:

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Mason Shepherd keeping track of his bingo card.

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View from the top of Wintergreen during the ski retreat.



03

Confirmation class playing basketball during their lock-in.

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Holy Week is coming April 14-21





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.

Growing Disciples – Inspiring Generosity Update

Thank you to all who have submitted your promises for the coming year!

Thank you, also, to those who shared their reasons for why they give to Trinity.

- Elaine and Sandy Peele emphasized the blessings they have had in the past and building for the future.
- Angela Verdery inspired us with her love of the Upward basketball program and her appreciation for Trinity as a safe, caring place to raise her children.
- Matt and Andrea Benton spoke to us about their love for Trinity as a place for healing.
- Jamie and Bill Eubank expressed their gratitude to the Trinity family for support during a difficult 2018 year.

This year we have a goal of \$1,650,000 in promises. 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 that goal, we will have a Celebration of Generosity to rejoice in all of the good work our church has done and will do!

As of February 24, we have reached 74% of our goal – a strong start! If you have not already submitted your promise, you may still do so. Bring your Promise Card to worship service, mail it to the church, or fill in your Promise on-line. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to a Stewardship Committee member: Corey Booker, Joseph Thompson, Alexis Lyons, Joe Andrews, Colby Benton, Matt Benton, Dan Berlin, Brian Ford or Dianne Moore.

Please give prayerful consideration to your promise amount. God has more work for us to do. He needs our collective generosity.

Building Closures For Holidays

Each year, Staff Parish and our Trustees designate holidays/time off for the church staff. These dates are built around national holidays along with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Occasionally, the Trinity Preschool will ask to make up a day on a national holiday. This is driven by missing numerous days due to winter weather. On those rare occasions when the Preschool requests a makeup day, please note the rest of the building is closed, not available for use. If we allow one exception beyond the Preschool request, then other users of our facilities will make a similar request, and we simply can't accommodate those extended openings. Believe it or not, the building needs some quiet time and rest too. Thanks for understanding, and if you do have a question, contact Bill Pike.



The Hermitage-Richmond

Hidden Treasures continues to be open every fourth Friday from 10:30 AM-2:00 PM. We are always replenishing our stock from donations from our church and others. Don't miss the opportunity to find your "treasure."

Although Hermitage-Richmond receives support from Methodist Churches, residents often support others. They have just completed a blanket drive for CARITAS families and some of the residents have been making dresses and shorts for a school in Africa from pillowcases.

If you would like to be involved with volunteering at Hermitage-Richmond call Nancy Miller (740-3772)

Lenten Easter Mission Offering: Encounter on the Road to the Cross

"I will lead the blind by a **road** they do not know, by paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16

The scripture from Isaiah references the challenges of road traveling. Weather conditions can impact our vision, driving in unfamiliar areas can pluck our nerves, driving through the night can make for some anxious moments awaiting the first peaks of rising sunlight, and construction zones can make uneven road surfaces. Despite those challenges, the person in the scripture continues to lead by not forsaking anyone who needs assistance.

Our Lenten Easter Mission Offering (LEMO) offers many opportunities to encounter all kinds of people in need on the road of life. In recent years, your generosity has raised over \$160,000 for community outreach at the local, state, national, and international levels. During that time, nearly 60 organizations have benefitted from your kind hearts with children, youth, and adults experiencing the impact of your financial gifts.

Take the scripture from Isaiah to heart, in supporting LEMO: "These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them." Many people in need are on your life's road, they will benefit from your donation.

Any questions, please reach out to: Bob Argabright, Carmen Sheppard, Betsy Estes, Lee Stocks, Virginia Rhines, or Bill Pike.

Flower Tribute at Easter

Easter is a time when we choose to honor and/or memorialize loved ones by listing their names in the bulletin on Easter Sunday morning.

The cost to have a tribute “in honor of” or “in memory of” listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin is **\$20.**

The funds received will be used to offset the cost of flowers used to decorate the sanctuary and foyers on Easter Sunday. Monies received above the cost of the flowers will be donated to Missions at Trinity as part of our Lenten Easton Mission Offering (LEMO).



In order to have your tribute printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, the deadline for receiving your contribution is WEDNESDAY, April 10.

Place this form in the offering plate



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



Please list the following tribute in the bulletin on Easter Sunday:

In Honor Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AND / OR

In Memory Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



Donor's Printed Name and Phone #: _____



Sherbourne Food Collection – by way of March Madness!

March is upon us – and that means March Madness! We are going to collect food the entire month of March to mark this fun time of year – the real winner will be Sherbourne Food Pantry!

Here's how it will work:

On **Sunday, March 3** there will be four college teams selected; their names will be on the collection bins located in the Welcome Center. We will keep the four bins up two Sundays, and keep collecting food so you can fill your favorite team's box! (Remember, competition is healthy – and Sherbourne ultimately wins!)

On **Sunday, March 17**, we will have two teams designated – the top two teams from the previous two week's collection. You can continue to donate March 17, 24 and 31. The winner of this collection will be announced in the Connection on April 3.

Then on **Sunday, April 7** – Final Four Sunday – we will have two teams selected for our food collection – the two teams that will actually play for the National Championship on Monday, April 8. Come and fill the box for who you think will win!

Let the competition begin!



In a recent meeting, Trinity learned about the current status of the programs that CARITAS has in place to help the homeless in Richmond. By early 2020, the CARITAS leadership expects their traditional model of churches hosting families on church sites to a different model. This new model will bring church volunteers to housing sites designed specifically for CARITAS families. Meal preparation, providing toiletries, and small group activities will continue to be part of the CARITAS ministries for churches. This new template will offer better structure and stability for families. The Trinity congregation will have an opportunity to learn more about CARITAS and their offerings on Sunday, June 23.

Trinity will host CARITAS families on December 14-21.

Face of a Child for 2019

This year the project has been changed and streamlined. We will no longer shop, pack and ship our gifts to Moldova. Instead, the Little Samaritan Mission (LSM) has requested that we send \$50 per child to Little Samaritan Mission LSM/FOACP PO Box 430 Hallandale, FL 33008.

Volunteers and staff will shop in country for the necessary items. Hopefully this will boost Moldova's ailing economy. A team is forming now to go in early October. Let me know if you are interested. Thanks for your continued support of this worthwhile project.
Jo Lewis (Jolewis49@yahoo.com)



Blood Drives

Please note on your calendar **Sunday, April 14** and **Sunday, October 20** for our next blood drives sponsored by the American Red Cross. If you would like to assist with the leadership in the coordination of these two drives, please contact Bill Pike.

As you know, blood is always in demand by our local hospitals. There are times during the course of a year when blood supplies become dangerously low. We appreciate all of our Trinity donors and the walk-in donors from the neighborhood. It is our sincere hope that you will continue to donate.

At this time, our blood drives will be coordinated by the American Red Cross, and they have recommended that we move from quarterly donations to twice a year. Signing up will continue to be offered on-line, and walk-ins are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you on April 14 and October 20.

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>



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



It is that time again when we spring forward!

Remember to move your clocks an hour forward on Sunday, March 10.

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	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24
Worship Service	470	469	418	471
Sunday School	335	301	284	299

Our Gifts as of January 31:

Projected income to date:	\$ 1,035,149.00
Actual income year to date:	\$ 1,016,611.65
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ (18,537.35)



Joys and Concerns

New Members

Anne Powell Anderson, Jason Anderson, Scott Jared

Weddings

Congratulations to the following couples who were recently married:

Jeanenne Fagan and Scott Jared who were married on February 2
Pamela George and Leo Rutledge, Jr. who were married on February 2

Our sympathies to...

The family of Macon Cordier who died February 24
The family of Geoffrey Shudtz who died February 19
Mike Cross whose mother Frances Cross died February 17
Virginia Rhines whose father Stanley Rhines died February 13
The family of Margaret Lechner who died February 11
Sheila Pedigo whose mother Mary Virginia Pedigo died February 4
The family of Roberta Shobe who died January 28

Lost and Found

We have a small "Lost and Found" box located on the Reception Desk (not up on the Reception Counter, but over on the lower desk area). Sunglasses, keys, earrings, bracelets, water bottles, and other "found" items will be put in this box and kept for a few weeks. Umbrellas, jackets, and other clothing items can often be found where they were left, but they are sometimes brought to the coat closet located beside the Display Case. It's always a good idea to come look for your lost item as soon as you realize it may have been left at Trinity!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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