

# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Corner

*"Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."*  
Ephesians 4:31-5:2

Dear Church Family,

What a month! Our denomination, the United Methodist Church, is in turmoil following General Conference in February. The issues of LGBTQIA identity and inclusion have been terribly divisive. Here at Trinity we filled the Sanctuary at our GC Debrief (still available on the website), we have heard from very many of you and our leadership have publicly declared Trinity a church committed to openness and inclusion, and that the grace of Jesus Christ is for all. At the Debrief, you may recall that I asked for "holy conversations" to take place in all the groups in the church so that we might wrestle with these issues together. I am hearing that many such conversations are indeed taking place. Thank you!

I would commend to you the above admonition from the Apostle Paul. We need to be intentionally gentle with one another. We need to listen ever before and perhaps more than we speak. Let us be Christ to one another, especially if we disagree. I find that I learn from those with whom I disagree than I do from those who share my perspectives. It is also true that it is when we are able to share our stories that there is more awareness of the Spirit moving in our midst.

Finally, let me again invite your comments and thoughts. Feel free to share them with me ([lleenow@trinityumc.net](mailto:lleenow@trinityumc.net)) and/or with our Church Council Chair Debbie Stocks ([dstocks@yourbenefitpartner.net](mailto:dstocks@yourbenefitpartner.net)) *"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us..."*

Not bad advice as we prepare to remember and live into our Lord's Passion and Triumph.

In Lenten hope,

## 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

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 will be served, more interaction with the story begins at 6:30 PM. Let the church office know by Thursday, April 11 if you'd like to join us.

**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:

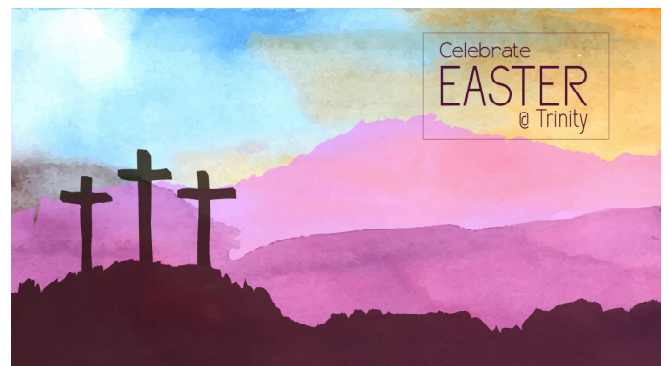
6:30 AM: Sunrise Service

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!*

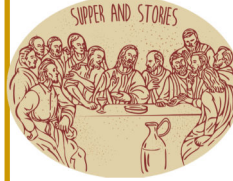




## Stewardship Update!

Our stewardship campaign, Growing Disciples – Inspiring Generosity, is nearing completion. As of March 25, we have received promises totaling \$1,369,931. Thank you to the 341 families and individuals who have already submitted your promise, especially to those who were able to increase their contribution over prior years. At the beginning we set a goal of \$1,650,000, which may seem lofty but is needed if we are to grow our church family and increase our mission work, both inside and outside the walls of Trinity. Our goal of \$1,650,000 is necessary to help us increase our kids and youth programs, send more youth on mission trips, and make some necessary updates to our building. If you have not made a promise, it is not too late and we would ask you prayerful consider how your financial gifts can help Trinity.

Thanks all!  
Corey



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Childcare will be available



## Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, April 9** 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!



**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



## Come One, Come All to Wednesday Night Dinner!

Where else can you enjoy good food and fellowship? Come join us on Wednesday Nights – dinner is served 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. We celebrate birthdays and highlight events occurring in the life of the church. Please call the church office by noon on Tuesday to reserve your spot!

Upcoming menus:

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| April 3  | NO WFN (Spring Break for Public Schools) |
| April 10 | Meatloaf or Chicken Nuggets              |
| April 17 | Taco Bar or Hot Dogs                     |
| April 24 | Fried Chicken or Pizza                   |
| May 1    | Barbecue or Bagel Bites                  |

## Gathering at Sunrise Villa

Join us on **Tuesday, April 23**, at 3:30 PM as we visit our members and guests residing at Sunrise Villa. We gather in the Theater to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, music and worship. Contact Susie Hildebrand at 740-7490 or [shildebrand@verizon.net](mailto:shildebrand@verizon.net) to volunteer.



## Spring Blossoms into A Day of Service Projects

Women Responding and Serving in Christ's Name  
Tuesday, April 9 at 10 AM in Trinity Hall  
*Gathering & Sending Prayer: Rev. Judy Oguich*

### Inviting these Donations:

- **For UMFS Plant Sale 5/8&9 (9am -3pm):** Clear glass containers for succulent terrariums or colorful ceramic ones for dish gardens, 10-12 inch terra cotta pots, lined floral baskets
- **Go Bananas for Sherbourne Food Pantry!!!:** Fresh or canned fruits for Sherbourne Food Pantry. Fruit has always been in short supply. The food pantry aspires to include fruit every Wednesday for about 40 to 60 bags handed out each week.
- **Items for UMFS Birthday Bags:** deck of cards, pocket calculator, pen, pencils, erasers, tissues, highlighters, small games, note pads 5' X 8' & small puzzles.

**Note: Thank you for your generosity. Please drop these donations in the designated areas or boxes in Mission Central & on or before April 9, Tuesday or in Trinity Hall on April 9, Tuesday at 10:15 AM.**

### Service Day Projects:

- Friendly visit to Pinnacle Living to visit residents who do not often receive visitors
- Deliver fresh or canned fruits to Sherbourne
- Assemble 10 Baby Needs Bags for the Mom Support Group in PERC (Parenting Education Resource Center)
- Write Easter Cards for UMW members and friends from the Sunshine List
- Prepare candleholders for 2019 Advent Candlelight Service
- Assemble 20 Health Bags for Annual Mattaponi Clinic Visit
- Wrap muffins for 180 UMFS Staff
- Assemble Cookie bags with notes of encouragement for AA members who meet weekly in Trinity
- Bring donations for UMFS Plant sale or items for UMFS birthday gift bags and Sherbourne
- Assemble treat bags for 23 confirmands with John Wesley sentiment
- Polish Bereavement Committee Silver
- Assemble 10 school kits for UMCOR
- Sew Christmas stockings and tote bags (Rm. 323)

## 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.

## Save the Date!

Join the Trinity UMW to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of UMW May luncheon. We will gather on Tuesday, May 14 in Trinity Hall. Watch for more information on this event as the planning progresses.



## 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](mailto:scain811@aol.com) or call 804-747-9671.



## The Hermitage-Richmond

As you begin your Spring-cleaning, remember to pass on items you no longer need to Hidden Treasures at Hermitage-Richmond. Your donations can be sold and help to enrich lives of residents of the home. These can be taken to the area off from the balcony. Tax receipts are available in the church office. Remember the sale is always held on the fourth Friday of the month from 10:30 AM – 2 PM. Questions? Call Nancy Miller (740-3772)

## Trinity Foundation Report

The Trinity Foundation continues to address needs not covered by the church budget. At the end of 2018, Trinity Foundation's assets exceeded \$2.6 million in market value. Also in 2018, the Foundation received \$27,264 in donations, earned \$50,445 in income and issued \$53,985 in grants. These grants included funds for The Dillard Forum, scholarships, Honduras missions and youth missions, Trinity In Richmond's work with Oak Grove/Bellemeade Elementary School, staff development, CrossOver Ministry, children's and youth ministries, chaplaincy services, and walkie talkies. The Trinity Foundation also recently welcomed Raleigh Robins to the board, replacing Bill Boice after more than 20 years of dedicated service.

**Beth Monroe**

### 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](mailto:bmiller@trinityumc.net) or Bill Pike [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net).

### 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](mailto:joguich@trinityumc.net)

## A Message from Pastor Drew

Dear Trinity,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

I write to share with you that I have been projected to begin a new ministry appointment in the Virginia Conference at the end of June.

Due to the nature of the appointment process, we can't yet share the name of where I will serve, nor who will succeed me at Trinity. (We'll have to wait to get the green light from our bishop before we can share this news.)

In the meantime, I ask for your prayers: for me and my family, for the community I am being sent to serve, and for your incoming associate pastor and your community here at Trinity.

And for now, let me pour out just a bit of my heart full of gratitude for these last three years at Trinity:

- for the opportunity to work with Larry and Judy and the rest of the staff, gaining insight into the nature and life of a larger church,
- for the 9:30 congregation, with a special shout out to the musicians and tech team--through our collaboration, we've offered a soulful worship experience that has been a source of deep joy in my life,
- for Melissa Sanne and the visionary work of the Connect ministry team she leads,
- for mission and memories with the Honduras Medical Team, and for all of you, Trinity congregation, for your commitment to being the Body of Christ and caring for my family in this season of ministry together.

Thanks be to God and to you,

Drew



## Trinity United Methodist Women Legacy Fund

This fund was established in January 2019, using memorial and honorary donations received in recognition of Christian women whose strong faith, leadership skills, and dedication to missions made a difference in our UMW.

The funds can be used for various needs: assistance for women to attend retreats, programs or educational opportunities; church support; events promoting UMW.

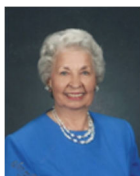
The Executive Committee will approve requests as needed. Individuals that receive financial assistance will be asked to make a presentation to the UMW Unit sharing learned experiences to keep the unit engaged in fulfilling needs of the members and local missions.

The fund would like to recognize:

**Millie E. Simmons** (July 11, 1925 – August 14, 2017)  
Mildred Bowling Simmons was born in Hambelton, West Virginia; graduated from Capitol City School of Nursing in Washington, DC; married to Wallace D. Simmons for 63 years; member of Trinity UMC for over 50 years – participated in UMW circles, and Mastin Fellowship class. She was a strong Christian woman, gifted nurse, compassionate caregiver and a friend to many.

**Genevieve Mann Collier** (February 24, 1921 – February 21, 2018)  
Genevieve M. Collier was the daughter of Reva and Irvin Mann. She was a lifelong member of Trinity UMC, serving as the Church Hostess, involved in Sunday School, and UMW. A strong Christian woman who loved her family, friends and husband of 75 years, Vernon L. Collier.

**Mary Hetzel**  
Mary Hetzel served as President of Trinity UMW 1999-2000, 2006-2008, and 2012. Her tireless energy and enthusiasm of encouraging women to get involved in church and community activities kept our group moving ahead in an ever-changing world. Mary inspired our group to become stronger Christian women; implementing programs/events that always put the needs of others in the forefront. Her great leadership and dedication to UMW reminds us that our purpose is mission for others. She and her husband, Bob, relocated in Chicago in the spring of 2018.



## Open House and Summer Camps at Westview on the James

**Don't dillydally - Register now!** Camp sessions are filling up fast. Choose from our mini camps for ages 6-9, our junior camps for ages 7-11, our senior camps for ages 12-14 and 10 amazing adventure camps for ages 14-17. Visit [www.westviewcamp.org](http://www.westviewcamp.org) for all the details and start planning your summer adventure now!

**Westview Open House on Sunday, April 28** from 12:00 -4:00 PM. Tour the camp, try some fun activities, and meet our awesome staff! Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Open House is free and you do not need to make reservations. We can't wait to see you!



### 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. Walk-ins are always welcome, or you can sign up on-line at <https://trinityumc.net/news/blood-drive/>. We look forward to seeing you on April 14 and October 20.



### Sherbourne Food Collection

We appreciate everyone who has participated in "March Madness". It was fun to see what school would win each week. Sherbourne has been in dire need of food to replenish their shelves to meet the demand. 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. Thanks for your assistance, keep those donations coming.

In case you missed it and are interested in what schools came out on top, here they are:

Week 1: Texas Tech Red Raiders

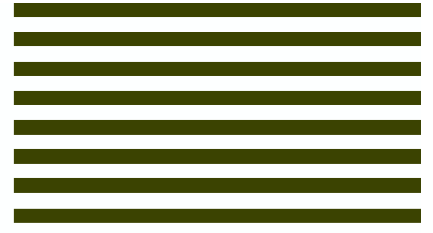
Week 2: Virginia Union Panthers

Week 3: James Madison Univ. Women Duke Dogs

Week 4: Virginia Tech

# YOUTH AT TRINITY

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## APR. 14-21

Holy week at Trinity!  
Don't miss out on the passion story of the last week of Jesus' life. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter!!!

## 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 LOCK IN ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26

In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter, we will be having our Spring Lock-In on April 26. We will gather in Trinity Hall for dinner at 7:00 PM and then will have a night of fun games, some Jesus talk, and a whole lot more. Pick up the next morning will be at 7:00 AM from Trinity Hall.

We will have all of your favorite events, like man hunt, dodgeball, and the midnight breakfast. As well as some new things like

Group games, a scavenger hunt for prizes, a lip sync battle, a movie room, and a small worship service.

You do not want to miss out on this fun night at Trinity. This is a safe and fun event for you to invite all of your friends to, there is no number limit to how many participants we can have. If you have any questions please contact Bryce Miller at [bmiller@trinityumc.net](mailto:bmiller@trinityumc.net). Sign up is on the youth part of the website under events!

## MAY 19

Our annual Roast and Toast will be on Sunday, May 19 at 6:00 PM. It will be a potluck dinner to celebrate our seniors and 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they transition into new school settings the next year. Come out and laugh with them as we remember their time at Trinity.

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Spring Retreat at Camp Willow Run

During the weekend of March 15-17, a group of youth and adults made their way down to Camp Willow Run on the shores of Lake Gaston, for the annual Spring retreat. While we were there, we focused on learning and understanding the parables of Jesus, in Matthew 13, where he talks about the Kingdom of God. Along with worship and bible study, we had a fun time canoeing, rock climbing, going on the giant swing, playing gaga ball and nine square, losing to Bryce at card games, eating delicious food, and watching amazing sunsets on the pier. Thank you to all who chaperoned and sacrificed a weekend to dive deeper into Kingdom living!



“It was a great way to get away from the hustle and bustle of normal life. As well as being able to calm down and to spend time with people who care about you and want you to grow in your faith. We played a lot of fun games and had free time, along with a lot of worship time, where we learned about the kingdom of God. I has a great tome and can’t wait for more!!”

-Kaleigh McPhail

“We got to spend two days away from our busy lives and joust focus on our faith while being surrounded by nature and friends. In small groups and all together we talked about what the Kingdom of God was and what it meant to be included in it, how on earth we fell a part of it when we share our faith with others” – Emily Mortimer

**More pictures from our December events:**

**01**

The king of gaga ball, David Glassman!

**02**

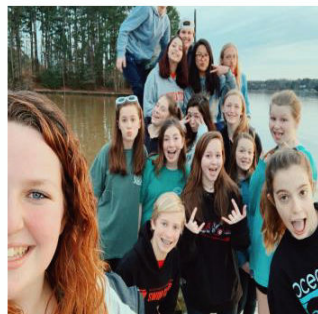
Best seats in the house for the giant swing

**03**

Sunset selfies on the pier.

**04**

Holy Week is coming April 14-21





### Thank You Notes

I would like to thank the Wednesday Bible study class for the surprise birthday celebration on February 6. What wonderful, caring friends they are and I shall never forget how special you made me feel.

With love and blessings,  
Phyllis Whitaker



### Joys and Concerns

#### New Member

Courtney Lynch

#### Baptism

Wade Kilbride

#### Weddings

*Congratulations to the following couples who were recently married:*

*Meredith McDaniel and Robert Melchiori who were married on March 23*

*Kathryn Robertson and Matthew Hosko who were married on March 9*

#### Our sympathies to...

*The family of Mary Lee Haase who died March 21  
Cindi Allen whose mother Roslyn Colyer died March 11  
Sandy Taylor whose mother Frances Ferguson died  
March 6*

*The family of Lila Bradford who died February 26  
Becky Henderson whose brother Mark Bragg died  
February 24*

*The family of Mary Kathryn Bassett who died  
February 15*



### Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In honor of *Jody McWilliams* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*

In honor of *Jason & Anne Powell Anderson* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*

In memory of *Lila Bradford* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*

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

In memory of *Peggy Phillips Gravely* to *Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship*

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

In memory of *Roberta Shobe* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*

### 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	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24
Worship Service	495	408	431	480
Sunday School	331	262	264	322

#### Our Gifts as of February 28:

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



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, April 15 at 4 PM for events taking place in May**. 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).