

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

*"But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way."
1 Corinthians 12:31*

I started today by teaching our Tuesday morning Bible Study. This morning we were talking about I & II Corinthians. It took the class maybe two minutes to say, "This sounds like it was written for us. It sounds like it was written for the United Methodist Church." Indeed. The church at Corinth was a very diverse group of followers grappling with some very complicated spiritual and societal issues. Controversy was tearing them apart. Here is an update on what's going on with our denomination.

The Judicial Council (our Supreme Court) met April 23-25. They ruled as expected. The parts of the Traditional Plan (approved my General Conference) that had been previously been judged unconstitutional were ruled unconstitutional. Excepting those parts, the Plan was ruled constitutional and will go into effect January 1, 2020. The "gracious exit" plan for churches to leave the denomination with their property was ruled constitutional. However, the plan passed at General Conference was a "high bar" plan making such disaffiliation both difficult and expensive.

- At the General Church level representatives of the two opposing sides, the Wesleyan Covenant Association (conservatives) and the Uniting Methodists (centrists and progressives) are currently in conversation. They are trying to determine whether an easier and less expensive plan for separation might be in the best interests of both. And such plan would go before the May 2020 General Conference.
- At the Conference, Bishop Peter Weaver is hosting discussion meetings. The meeting for the Richmond and Rappahannock River Districts will be Saturday, May 11 at 2:00-3:30pm at Wright's Chapel UMC, 8063 Ladysmith Rd, Ruther Glen VA.
- At the local church level, Trinity is committed to be centered on Jesus Christ and being open and inclusive of all God's children. This is who we are. Our church leadership is closely monitoring developments.

Paul responded to the Corinthians lifting above all else, the law of love. In I Corinthians 12 Paul expounds upon spiritual gifts and describes the church as a body. But the last verse of Chapter (see above) introduces something better. I Corinthians 13, the great "love chapter" is not directed to romantic love as much as it is filial love. It is about love in the midst of conflict and controversy. It is well worth considering. As a member of my class summarized this morning, "Love God, love your neighbor." I believe someone else said something about that.

Easter blessings,

Kid's Director Search

Trinity has reopened our search for a Director of Kid's Ministries. Is God calling you or someone you know to this ministry? If so, information about the search and position is posted on our website, www.trinityumc.net.





Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, May 14** 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, May 16 - Dinner at Tanglewood Ordinary, 6 PM

Come join us at our favorite Richmond eatery! To ride the church van, meet behind Trinity at 5 PM, or feel free to meet us there at 5:55 PM. Registration will be Sunday, May 5 and May 12 in Connection Alley. Payment is due at registration, price is \$28, all inclusive (meal, dessert, beverage and gratuity).

Wednesday, June 12 – Day trip to the American Revolution Museum in Yorktown – 9 AM - 4:30 PM

Come join us as we travel to Yorktown to visit the American Revolution Museum. Cost of admission is \$15. Lunch is on your own – either there at the café, or feel free to bring your own. We plan to leave there at 2:30 PM. Registration will be Sunday, June 2 and Sunday, June 9 in Connection Alley to help us plan transportation.

Save the Date - Coming in August!

Wednesday, August 28 - 9:45 AM – 5:30 PM. - We will return to the Riverside Theater in Fredericksburg to see the matinee performance of "South Pacific". Cost is \$65, all inclusive (musical, lunch, beverage, dessert, tax and transportation). Registration will take place in July.

All are welcome to join us for these events – Trinity members and friends of Trinity members!



Spring To Summer Picnic

Please join us on **Wednesday, May 22** for our last church dinner of the year. Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings will be available on the front lawn of the church from 5:30 – 7 PM. Please come join us.



May is Teacher Appreciation Month!

Our Education Committee has once again set aside the month of May for students of all ages to show their love and appreciation to their Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, UMYF counselors and confirmation leaders. On **Sunday, May 5** all volunteers in the educational ministry of our church will be guests at a reception in the parlor from 9-11 AM, sponsored by Trinity's Education Committee. Members of our congregation are asked to find ways to show appreciation to these dedicated volunteers throughout the month of May. Thanks to all who serve so faithfully, showing God's love to our infants, children, youth and adults!



Voices Being Heard

On **May 14**, at 10:30 AM the United Methodist Women will celebrate 150 years as a women's Christian organization. We would like to invite everyone to share in our accomplishments and reflect on our history.

Join us in Trinity Hall as we enjoy a covered dish lunch, hear stories about those early leaders who organized women and established mission opportunities at home and abroad.

Please bring a dish to share if you are able, cake and ice cream will be provided.



Gospel Mass

On **Sunday, May 5** during the 8 and 11 AM service (note time change for the first service). The Trinity Choir will sing Robert Ray's exciting and jubilant "Gospel Mass" as part of the regular traditional communion services. We will celebrate the Eucharist with a Gospel flare!



Attention Trinity High School and College Seniors

We want you to be part of our 2019 Graduates' display case. Complete the appropriate form and return it to the basket in the Welcome Center labeled "Class of 2019", along with a Senior picture of any size. Deadline is **Sunday, May 26**. Your picture will be available for you to pick up in early July.

Also, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 2. This is Senior recognition Sunday. Trinity Foundation scholarships will be announced at the 11 AM service and all graduates will be listed in the bulletin insert.

Westminster Canterbury Celebration

Trinity will go to Westminster Canterbury on **Tuesday, May 28** 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.

Summer Forum



The Outreach Summer Forum

Location: Trinity Hall
Time: 9:30-10:30 AM

Guest speakers:

- **June 23** - Details at print time for this speaker were still being worked out.
- **July 14** - Local entertainer, Jonathan Austin.
- **August 26** - Gardner, Koziol, and Olshansky, three local musketeers who help support a medical clinic in Wise County, Virginia.

We hope you will join us for the Outreach Summer Forum.

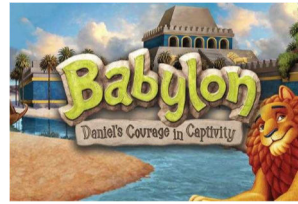


Trinity Co-Rec Softball

Trinity is forming a co-ed softball team for this summer. Games will be Tuesday nights from the end of May through the summer. In the past, most of the games have been played at Quioccasin Middle School. Softball is a great way to connect with other members throughout the church. All ages are welcome, including high school and college students. Interested, contact Paul Brooks at jpbrooks@vcu.edu. Also, look for a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center.

Kids Summer Sunday school

All Kids ages N4 - 4th Grade - Join us for Summer Sunday school beginning **June 2** and running through Labor Day weekend, September 1. We will all meet together on June 2 at 9:30 AM in Trinity Hall to kick off the summer with some fun. On June 9 the N4 class will meet in room 208 and will continue with the Buzz curriculum. K-4th grade will meet upstairs in room 300 to study The Greatest Commandment - To Love God and Love Your Neighbor - in some fun and unexpected ways! Fifth graders will meet in 308 with the middle school class, starting June 2. Join us for the excitement.



Vacation Bible School

July 15-19, 9 AM – 12 noon
Our VBS Directors are anxious to hear how **YOU** can help!

Ashley Marshall – awpeelee@gmail.com

Elaine Peele – ecumom57@msn.com

Catherine Smith – cmsmith220@gmail.com

Dale Miller – dalemmiller@verizon.net



Kindergarten Bible Presentation

Trinity's Education Committee is proud to host the annual Kindergarten Bible Ceremony and reception on **Sunday, May 19** at 9:30 AM in Trinity Hall. Our appreciation and thanks go to the McClure Bible Study Class for the gift of these bibles. Please contact Judy Oguich (joguich@trinityumc.net) as soon as possible if you did not receive your invitation. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Trinity Community Play Date

Families with preschool age children are invited to the Trinity playground on **Saturday, May 4** from 10—11:30 AM for a community play date including coffee and donuts.





How are your parking lot skills?

A gentle reminder to think safety when you park your vehicle at Trinity.

Don't leave valuable items in open view in your vehicle. Always lock your vehicle while parked on church grounds.

When backing up, check twice, inch out slowly, and re-check your sight lines as you move out.

Finally, when you pull into a parking space, please park into between the lines. Straddling the lines intrudes on two parking spaces, and that straddle can make entering or exiting a vehicle difficult.

And one more finally look out for the little ones too.



Lenten Easter Mission Offering

If you have an idea for a new mission project or looking to continue supporting an existing mission project, please apply for a grant by **June 9, 2019**. The application form to make your request is included in this newsletter.



Save the Date!

Trinity will be doing another Faith Night at the Diamond!

Join your friends from Trinity for a night at the ball park on **Thursday, August 1**. More information will be coming!



Trinity's Preschool and Parent's Morning Out

Do you know someone looking for a Parent's Morning Out program or Pre-school program? Trinity Preschool has available places for children ages 1 through 5 for this coming school year. It you know of someone who is looking for a program for their child, please share this information with them! The Trinity Preschool phone



The Hermitage-Richmond

Once again we will have a special offering to the Samaritan Fund between Mother's Day and Father's Day. This goes to Virginia United Methodist Homes for benevolent care to those who have outlived their financial resources. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. You may donate online at trinityumc.net/online giving or by using special envelopes located in the pews. If you would like to make a donation to the fund in memory or in honor of a loved one, there are cards available in the Welcome Center. Make checks payable to Trinity Church and note "Samaritan Fund" on the memo line.

The Hermitage continues to welcome clothing and housewares donations to be sold through their store, Hidden Treasures. If you have a large amount to be donated, it is best to deliver it directly to Hermitage-Richmond at 1600 Westwood Avenue. Small amounts can be taken to the area near the balcony where a volunteer will transfer them for you. We welcome volunteers for this. If interested, call Nancy Miller (740-3772).

Flower Tributes

To have a tribute listed for someone in the Worship bulletin, please fill out a (pink) Flower Tribute form located in the Welcome Center (near the sofas). We have many available opportunities in 2019. Remember an anniversary, a birthday, or honor someone "just because." The cost for a tribute is \$50.



Serve Opportunities

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)



Sherbourne Food Pantry

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. Also, double bagging your items insures better handling for the volunteers. Thanks for your assistance, keep those donations coming.



Seven Fridays This Summer At Feed More

On the following Fridays in **July: 12, 19, 26, and in August: 2, 9, 16, 23**, we have the

opportunity to assist Feed More. From 9 AM to 12 noon, Feed More is in need of 5 to 10 volunteers to help with packing food items. More reminders and on-line signups will be set up in June. Go ahead and put these dates on your calendar, you will not regret helping out.

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, please contact Bryce Miller (bmiller@trinityumc.net) or Bill Pike (bpike@trinityumc.net).

New Shoes for Back to School: It's Not Too Early!

It may seem a ways off, but planning has already started for the New Shoes for Back to School event on Labor Day (**Monday, September 2**) at Third Street Bethel A.M.E.

Last year more than 4,000 shoes were distributed and Trinity again has the opportunity to join with more than 16 other congregations to make sure kids in under-served communities have new shoes for school.

There are opportunities to volunteer with the distribution at Third Street Bethel A.M.E. on Labor Day. To learn more, contact Beth Monroe at bethmonr@gmail.com or (804) 339-0664. We need to secure volunteers well in advance for training purposes. There's also an opportunity if someone would like to be the Trinity liaison and meet monthly with the other church representatives for planning sessions. These are held on the second Tuesday of each month during the lunch hour at Third Street Bethel A.M.E.

Trinity United Methodist Church has a shared history with Third Street Bethel A.M.E. and our confirmation class typically worships with them one Sunday. This is a great way to continue building that relationship. Just as there was last year, there will be opportunities for Trinity to donate new shoes.



Trinity UMC Serve Ministry

2019 Lenten Easter Mission Offering Mission Grant Application

Completed applications are due by June 9 to Bill Pike, Director of Operations, (you can submit the completed application by e-mail, mail, or bringing a printed copy to the church office).

E-mail: bpiketrinity@trinityumc.net Phone: 804-288-6057 ext. 211

Mailing address: Bill Pike, Director of Operations, Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave., Henrico, VA 23229

Contact Information

Ministry name	
Contact person	
E-mail	
Phone number	

Please describe the ministry.

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Please describe the impact the ministry has on individuals and/or the community it serves.

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How does this ministry align with the mission of Trinity United Methodist Church? (*“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world – Connect to God, Grow in Faith, Serve the World.”*)

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Will Trinity UMC members have an opportunity to serve with this ministry? If so, please describe available opportunities.

What amount of LEMO funds you are requesting for this ministry? Please provide a detailed explanation of your request.

If this ministry received a LEMO mission grant last year, please provide a detailed explanation of how the funds were used.

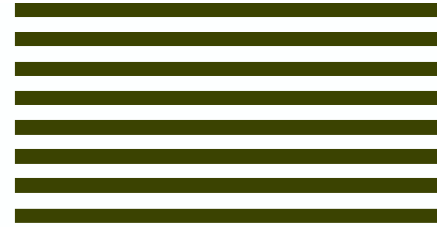
Is there anything else you would like to share with the Serve Committee to help us with our decision?

Submitted By:

Name (printed)	
Date	

YOUTH AT TRINITY

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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 8th graders.

JUN 2 & 9

Graduation Sunday for our high school and college graduates. Come out and see where they will be going next year! June 9 will be Confirmation Sunday, come support our 6th graders as they make their first public express of faith.

ROAST AND TOAST ON SUNDAY, MAY 19

On Sunday, May 19th, the students of Trinity would like to invite everyone to the 3rd year of our Roast and Toast. This is an end of the year celebration where we celebrate the lives and good times of our 8th and 12th grade students. This will be a night of fellowship designed for everyone to have fun, eat good food, and learn more about our graduates. If you are interested in attending, please bring a covered side dish or desert to share, to Trinity Hall. We hope to see you there!

8th graders:

Griffin Belding, Natalie Dike, Emmie Love, Sara Lyons, Zoey Martin, Sophia Swartz, Amelia Thompson, Kathryn Tull

12th graders:

Brent Blackmon, Brooke Evans, Maddy Martin, Lucy McLaughlin, Caitlin McSorley, Emily Mortimer, Quinn Murphy, Sarah Robins, Jake Sanne, Zach Smith, Nicholas Sofinski, Olivia Weitzel, Brady Wortzel

JUN 14 & 15

We will be taking a special trip with our 8th grade students to experience the wonders of God's creation! We are going on a one night camping trip that will bring us closer to God and closer to each other!

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Spring Retreat at Camp Willow Run

I just got home from our Spring Break mission trip and would love to share with you a little bit about that trip and how life changing these trips can be. This spring break mission trip was to the Redbird Mission Conference in Eastern Kentucky. It is located in Clay county, one of the top ten poorest counties in the USA. We travelled and worked in partnership with Shady Grove UMC in Mechanicsville. The two groups from each church came into the week not knowing each other. If you were to ask anyone who went on this trip, they would tell you that true friendships were developed and that they have stayed in contact with each other even after parting ways since our return.



While we were there, we had the pleasure of rebuilding a porch for Ms. Betty. We were blessed by the witness of how strong Ms. Betty's faith in God was after all of the tragic loss she has experienced over the past few years, and her continuous struggle with cancer. She not only was appreciative of the work we did, but was also so grateful for the showing of Christ's love in a tough week of surgeries and treatments.

The groups from Shady Grove and Trinity UMC on Ms. Betty's new front porch!

More pictures from our December events:

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Group of high schoolers on the Spring Break Mission Trip!

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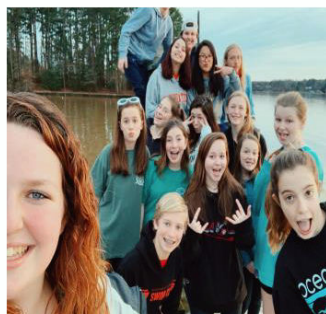
Best seats in the house for the giant swing

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Sunset selfies on the pier.

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Group of middle school girls on the Spring Break Mission Trip!





Thank You Notes

Spring Fling at Three Chopt Elementary School

Thanks to Lou Cei, Rob Spotts, Drew Willson, Lola Jean Nichols, Shea Tuttle, Dan Nichols, Leila Denton, Erin Cundiff, Kate Cundiff, Betsy Pike, and Teresa Given for volunteering to monitor all of the games at the Spring Fling held at Three Chopt Elementary school. This was a good community event with lots of smiling children. Thanks for your time and support.

Dear Trinity Family,

The alter flowers, cards and visits are truly appreciated by all of the family and have certainly lifted Bernard's spirits.

Bernard is now home and has continued home health therapy. All of the visits and well wishes have helped him make it thru the long journey.

We welcome visits at the home and while this journey is not over this new chapter brings us closer to getting back to normal.

With Warm regards and heartfelt thanks,
Marble and Bernard Jones and family

Dear Trinity friends,

Heartfelt thanks for your many expressions of sympathy & support after the passing of my mother, Roslyn Colyer. Your cards, prayers, meals, flowers, and attendance at the visitation and funeral were so appreciated. We are so grateful for such a caring church family.

Warmly,
Cindi Colyer Allen and Family



Joys and Concerns

Baptism

Tucker Roberts

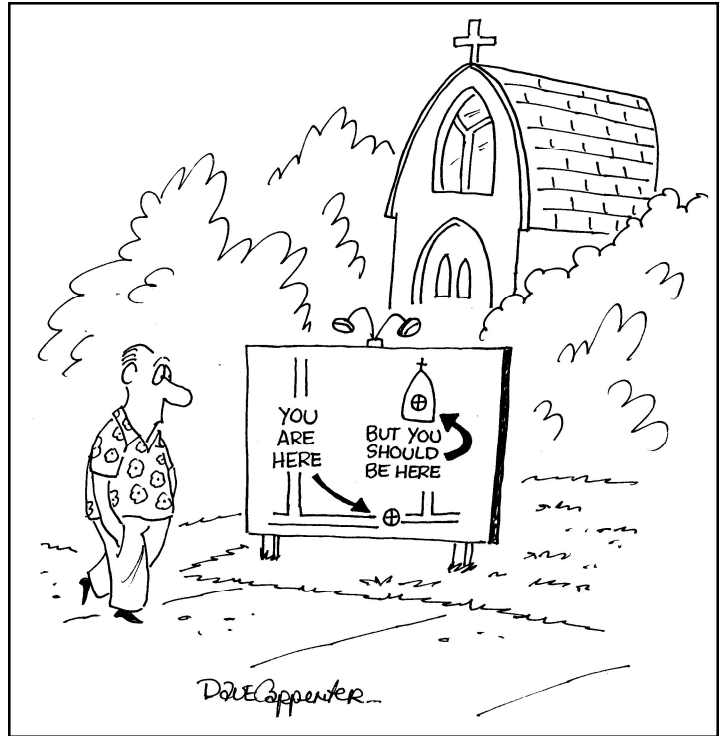
Our sympathies to...

The family of Mary Slate who died April 15

The family of June Rash who died April 10

The family of Carol Elder who died April 8

The family of Kitty Jones who died April 4



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	3/31	4/7	4/14	4/21
Worship Service	351	387	537	1136
Sunday School	235	253	292	282

Our Gifts as of March 31:

Projected income to date:	\$ 1,269,963.00
Actual income year to date:	\$ 1,279,131.63
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ 9,168.63

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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Deadline

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, May 20 at 4 PM for events taking place in June**. 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.