

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

Trinity Adopts New Logo

The Church Council has approved a new logo to replace our current three-circle logo. Last fall I asked Kim Johnson, our Communication Consultant for logo concepts with which we could identify as we move forward. Kim used the Trinity Window (over the balcony in the sanctuary) as an inspiration. The logo she designed is thus connected to the name of our church. The triangle and three intertwined circles is an ancient symbol of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Using the Trinity Window as an inspiration speaks of our roots and heritage, while the modern interpretation of it invites us into a bold future. Thanks also to Bonnie Andrews, Nell Chesley, and Nell Smith who added final color selections and a finishing touch. We will begin using our Trinity logo this month.

Blessings,

Trinity's New Logo



Trinity

United Methodist Church

Trinity's old
logo being
retired



Welcome Jenn Williams Director of Kids Ministries

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee announces the hiring of **Jennifer (Jen) Williams** as Trinity's new Director of Kids Ministries effective **July 15**. Jen brings energy, ideas and excitement to this vital ministry.

Jen is a native of the Pittsburgh PA area. She holds a B.S. degree from Grove City College in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. She also brings 11 years of success in church staff work as well as experience as an elementary school teacher. In her application letter, Jen writes, "I believe that my energy, education, experience and passion for sharing Jesus with the families in our community make me an ideal candidate for this position, and it is my goal to combine my range of experience with my ability to be a compassionate, enthusiastic Kids Director to make a positive contribution to your church and larger community." Jen will present at Vacation Bible School (July 15-19) to meet and interact with kids, parents and leaders.

We will be welcoming Jen at our Church Food Truck Night on Wednesday, July 17.
Come and give her a warm Trinity welcome!



Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

For many years, Trinity has offered a Wednesday night fellowship dinner. In recent years, we have watched a steady decline in the attendance and participation. As we worked through the Unstuck process, we learned about pruning programs or activities that were struggling to find their original success. For the last three years, one of the offerings that we have had concern about is the Wednesday Fellowship Dinner.

When we considered the decline in weekly reservations, cost of the food, cost of personnel to prepare and serve the meal, the economic impact to the church related to the number of people who attend regularly wasn't adding up. In fact from a financial standpoint, the church lost money.

So, effective July 1, 2019, we are ending the Wednesday Fellowship Dinner. The staff that has faithfully served us has been notified. We will still have access to a caterer for significant events in the life of the church.

We thank our faithful diners and our staff. Who knows maybe a dinner offering of some type will be restored in the future. If you have questions, contact Bill Pike: bpiketrinityumc.net

Modern Worship Leader Search

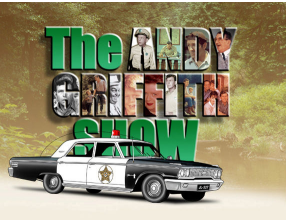
The Staff-Parish Relations Committee also reports that the search for our new Modern Worship Leader is going very well. Finalists will be leading 9:30 AM worship on Sundays **June 30 and July 7**. Our hope is to conclude the search and have a Worship Leader this summer.

Rev. Judy Oguich Minister of Congregation Care

As part of staff reorientation following our Church consultation with the Unstuck Group, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased that the Rev. Judy Oguich will take up a newly created position of Minister of Congregational Care. Some of Judy's responsibilities will remain the same such as worship, sharing hospital visitation, staff resource for UMW, Young at Heart, Adult Community Celebrations and the Prayer Ministry. Others will be new, such as 10 hours of home visitation each week, organizing support groups, and cultivating senior volunteerism. We believe these roles play both to Judy's strengths and her heart, and that these ministries will blossom under her leadership.

Thank You Jody McWilliams!

As Trinity reorients our staff structure Jody McWilliams will be retiring (again!) as Minister of Visitation. After retiring from "active" (meaning under Bishop's appointment) ministry Jody has served as Trinity's Minister of Visitation, caring for Trinity's homebound members. This will now be part of Judy Oguich's portfolio as our Minister of Congregational Care. (see related article.) Jody has been as tireless, faithful, and loving as any servant the Lord has ever called. Jody will be honored and appreciated at a reception on Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 AM.



Is Mayberry Still Relevant In Our World Today?

One of the most successful television shows from the 1960's was **The Andy Griffith Show**. Grounded in a wise sheriff, a bumbling deputy, and wide array of colorful local characters the show was a hit for many reasons. But perhaps what kept bringing viewers back was the strength of the scripts and the humor. Even today, the show is a popular rerun on TV channels who are not afraid to revisit that era.

Bill Pike will be leading a class that will focus on the screening of three different episodes of the show.

Here are the dates: **Tuesday, July 9, and Tuesday, August 6. Each session starts at 7 PM.**

We hope you will join us. If you plan to attend one or all sessions, please let Bill know email: bpike@trinityumc.net.

Vacation Bible School Event

On the evening of **Wednesday, July 17** come out and enjoy food trucks, live music, and fellowship during Vacation Bible School week. At this time we know that we have the following food trucks: Super Bowlz (hamburgers, hot dogs, fries), Pulp Fiction (wraps and salads), Reggie's Grill (fish, shrimp, BBQ and burgers) and Kona Ice. This event will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on the front grounds of the church. Bring yourself, your families, and your neighbors!



The Outreach Summer Forum

Please join us in Trinity Hall on **Sunday, July 14** for the Outreach Summer Forum. On this Sunday, you will hear from Jonathan Austin, an extraordinary local entertainer who has entertained Richmonders with his assorted agile physical skills and humor for many years. Program starts at 9:30 AM. We look forward to having you with us.

Faith at the Movies



We live in an increasingly secular world. Society tells us that the "religious" or "spiritual" is different from the "secular" or "real." Oh, really? Sometimes it just depends on what you're looking for or what you expect to see. This summer you are invited to **Faith at the Movies**. On Sundays, **July 21, and August 25**, bring a lawn chair, or blankets and pillows as we put up a big screen in Trinity Hall. We will watch a great film, enjoy snacks and fellowship and afterward Pastor Larry will lead a very brief discussion and food for thought. These are not "religious" movies. Or are they?



Pub Theology

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

be held on **Tuesday, July 16** 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!

"Lion King/Toy Story"

Sunday, July 21 4:00 PM Trinity Hall

Faith Night at the Diamond



Trinity will be going to the Faith and Family Night at the Diamond to see the Flying Squirrels on **Thursday, August 1**. Mark your calendars to join your fellow congregation members. Everyone that went last year had a great time. Gates open at 5:30 PM and the game starts at 6:35 PM. Ticket prices are \$8. Deadline to sign up is July 28! There will be fireworks after the game. Tickets will be picked up from Kim Tingle either in the church office or before the game. To sign up go to <https://trinityumc.net/news/faith-night/>

Sunrise Villa Tuckahoe Celebration

Come join the members of Trinity's Lay Ministry Visitation Team on **Tuesday, July 23** at Sunrise Villa Tuckahoe (formerly Gayton Terrace) beginning at 3:30 PM. We will have wonderful music, refreshments, communion and - most importantly - opportunities to fellowship with our members who reside at Sunrise Villa.

If you would like to volunteer at this event, contact Susie Hildebrand (740-7490, or shildebrand@verizon.net). All are welcome!



Wednesday, August 28 - 9:45 AM – 5:30 PM. - We will journey 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 August 4 and August 11 in Connection Alley.

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



There's Still Room for You!

Space is indeed limited in the choir loft, but there is still room for around 20 more folks to fill the sought-after-seats of Trinity's summer choir.

Rehearsals are held in choir members homes and food is offered twice a month. If you miss the practice, everything is emailed to you. As easy as one of those services that sends you meals to your doorstep and at a fraction of the price.

Please consider joining us!

It Is Always Good To Share

If at any time this summer, you become a little bored, please contact Bill Pike. Bill has multiple opportunities to deal with and potentially eliminate your boredom. Maintaining assorted sections of our grounds is something we can always use at Trinity. Bill can assign you a section, provide tools, or you can bring your own tools, and communicate the particulars of the chores. If you are interested in sharing your skills and ditching boredom, please e-mail Bill at: bpike@trinityumc.net.



Are You Able?

Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic (MHEC) Day

This year, Trinity’s annual collection for over-the-counter (OTC) medicines, medical supplies and monetary donations for MHEC will be delivered on Saturday, July 27. The deadline for donations will be **Friday, July 26**.

Here are ways to help:

Over-the-counter Medicines and Supplies

- Pick up a “Wish List” from Connection Alley beside the Welcome Center each Sunday beginning on July 7.
- Bring your donated items to Missions Central – near the Church offices

Monetary Donations

Checks

- Payable to **Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic (MHEC)**
- Memo line “MHEC medicines”
- Mail to: Janet Sommerville, 6161 River Road, #38, Richmond, VA 23226

Cash Donations

- Put in envelope with your name and address
- Give to Janet Sommerville on Sunday morning

Join the team as we carpool to deliver the donated supplies to the Clinic at their new Upper Mattaponi location:

- Sign-up sheet for this purpose can be found in Connection Alley beside the Welcome Center.
- We leave Trinity at 8 AM and we come back to Trinity before noon.



Serve Opportunities



Sherbourne Food Pantry

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. To sign up to participate go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a8a72eaa8-fridays>.

You will not regret helping out with this ministry.

Opportunities to Collect for the Good of our Communities

Specific information will be provided, but we are going to need your generous hearts again this summer. Our community targets are for the Sherbourne Food Pantry (Karen Adams), the Mattaponi Health Clinic (Bob and Janet Sommerville), school supplies for teachers at Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School (Karen Adams), New Shoes for Back to School through Bethel A.M. E. Church (Beth Monroe), and gently used bicycles for the Charlie Thomas Bike Repair Shop in the Oak Grove-Bellemeade community of Richmond (Bob Argabright). The key contact person for each collection is noted here. Last summer, we faithfully supported each collection drive, and this year we have added the gently used bicycles. Each call for support has merit, and we hope you will prayerfully consider helping out.

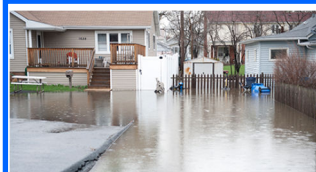
New Shoes for Back to School: It's Not Too Early!

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.



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).

YOUTH AT TRINITY

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Shady Grove UMC & Trinity UMC
Mechanicsville, VA



March 31 – April 6, 2019 Red Bird Mission Work Camp

SUMMER OF MISSIONS AT TRINITY

Summer 2019 at Trinity is going to be a whirlwind of opportunities to be in service of your neighbor. We have assembled a handful of teams that will be immersing themselves in week long mission experiences all over the place. As you read this right now, a group of high schoolers are in Alabama working with the underserved in Decatur. A group of middle school students will be going to Swansboro, NC to help that community to continue to recover from a multitude of natural disasters over the past

two years. We also have a strong collection of students who are volunteering their mornings to work with younger children here at Trinity for our week of Vacation Bible School. The last big opportunity will be when we host the Church at Stone River the last week of July. We will be working together in Richmond to bring healing and peace to those who are insecure in our communities. If you would like to be a part of one of these experiences check out the youth section of our website!

JUN 21

Week long high school mission trip to Decatur, Alabama to work with those in need

JUL 7

Week long middle school mission trip to White Oak, North Carolina to do hurricane relief work.

JUL 20

Week long mission trip here in our backyard! We will be hosting our friends from the Church at Stone River in Decatur, Alabama. It's not too late to sign up!

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Spring Lock-In

In early May, we had an awesome lock-in at the church. The night started with a lively game of musical chairs. Then, we had a pizza dinner to fuel up for a hardcore game of manhunt. After many rounds of manhunt, we settled down for breakfast at 12:00 A.M. By the morning, there were only a few warriors who had been able to stay up for all 24 hours. It was a lot of fun and we can't wait for the next one!

Graduate Sunday

On June 2, the Trinity Foundation handed about more than \$10,000 in scholarships to 11 different students here at Trinity!



On Sunday, June 9, we confirmed 18 young people by them making their first public declaration of faith in front of the congregation here at Trinity. We are so excited about how much this class is energized by being involved in service to their community. Many of them have already begun to work with people who are hurting and some have even signed up for a mission trip this summer! Congratulation confirmation class!

Part of our confirmation class after their public profession of faith!

More pictures from our May events:

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My heart will always go on at the Lock-in!

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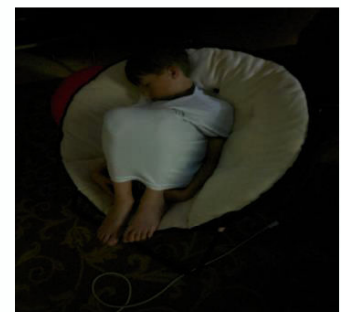
Sometimes you need a nap and a blanket.

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Allison getting confirmed.

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Hannah being recommended for confirmation by her mentors!





Thank You Notes

A sincere appreciation to everyone who came out to support saying goodbye to Drew Willson, his wife, Shea, and their children Kyrianne and Halle. Even though the weather guys dropped a bit of holy water on us, we had good food, fellowship, and an enjoyable band Abrams Bridge. Finally, thanks to everyone who assisted with the planning logistics, the setting up, and the taking down.



The Hermitage-Richmond

It is with great appreciation for Trinity members to have responded so well to the Samaritan Fund for those in United Methodist Homes who have outlived their resources. Trinity's mission in this endeavor touches so many.

Donations of clothing and housewares to Hidden Treasures at Hermitage-Richmond are wonderful but we need to emphasize that our volunteers spend hundreds of hours looking through and evaluating each item. Please follow the following guidelines when considering donations. We are not able to sell any items that are stained, torn, or not in good condition. This includes clothing, toys, books, linens, decorations, furniture. We do not accept personal care items, but those items are welcome in other places such as Doorways found in the Mission Central area. If you have questions, please call Nancy Miller (740-3772).

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	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23
Worship Service	426	497	408	312
Sunday School	203	200	177	137

Our Gifts as of May 31:

Projected income to date:	\$
Actual income year to date:	\$
Excess (-shortfall)	\$



Joys and Concerns

Baptisms

Mason Hearn, Sam Jared, Connor Oakes, Emerson Beazley, Rylan Beazley

New Members

Gray Belding, Allison Bischoff, Jason Bond Jr., Bradley Coats, Kate Cundiff, Drew Danforth, Silas Green, Anne Claire Hart, Lucas Hawes, Mason Hearn, Sam Jared, Hannah Jiancristoforo, Callie Kennedy, Duncan Monroe, Chase Roberts, Annalee Taylor, Walker Vaughan, Lauren Winterhoff, Andrew Beazley, Cristin Beazley

Wedding

*Congratulations to the following couple who was recently married:
Chelsea Slate and William "Trey" Weiskopf, III who were married on June 1*

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Walt Roish who died June 17
Sara Winterhoff whose mother Carol "Lynn" Heatwole died June 11
The family of Jennifer Boxley Andrews who died June 6*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, July 22 at 4 PM for events taking place in August**. 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.