

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

The August Challenge

Okay Trinity, August is upon us and I am throwing down a gauntlet! I am issuing a challenge! I *double dog dare* you to meet it. (For the uninitiated, a "double dog dare" is a south Texas idiom that usually leads its young recipient to do some otherwise irrational act that I would rather not discuss...) Anyway, August is a time for collections and I dare you, or rather I dare *us* to shock ourselves, break all records and create a logistical nightmare for Bill Pike. (But don't tell him I said that.) Here are your wonderful opportunities.

Bikes. We are collecting used bikes for the Charlie Thomas Bike Shop in Oak Grove-Bellemeade. Hey, just to make it easy, let the church office know that you have a bike to donate and a team will come to pick it up on Saturday, September 7. To make it even more exciting there will be a Bike Rodeo/distribution at our church celebration on Sunday, September 8. (*See article on this page*) If you don't have a used bike to donate, go to a yard sale and get one.

Shoes. *New Shoes for Back to School.* This one is a double blessing, giving shoes for needy schoolchildren and in the process help us deepen our partnership with Third Street Bethel AME Church. (Third Street Bethel was started by free blacks from Trinity in 1852.) *See the insert in this newsletter.* Buy shoes and bring them to church by August 23, or use the flyer to buy them at Saxons and they deliver and/or volunteer to help Labor Day weekend.

Pennies. Our Kids Summer Sunday School class is collecting pennies (or other spare change) to purchase an animal through Heifer International. It's a good thing. Let's support them! (*See article on page 2.*)

Food. Okay, we do this every month, not just August, but Sherbourne Food Pantry always needs donations. August 4 is Communion Sunday. As God feeds us, let's feed others. Don't forget.

Does this all seem like a lot? Nonsense. We are the Church of Jesus Christ. We serve the One who fed 5,000 with five loaves and two fish. We can do this and more. I dare you...

Blessings,

Reach Out RVA 3.0

We hope you will hold **Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8** on your calendar for Reach Out RVA 3.0. This will be our starting point for bringing summer activities to a close and the start of a new church year.

On Saturday, September 7, from 9 AM to 1 PM our focus will be on the neighborhood where Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School is located. For several years via the Micah Initiative, Trinity has had a significant volunteer presence at the school. Trinity member, Bob Argabright, is an advocate in this community, and on Saturday, Bob will connect us to a variety of work projects that will benefit the school and the community. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these projects, the opportunity to sign up will be on the church's website.

Then on Sunday, September 8, after the completion of our worship services and Sunday school, we will gather at the community center beside Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School for a picnic from 2-5 PM. A catered meal will be provided minus the dessert. We will ask Trinity members to continue the tradition of bringing your signature desserts to share.

As a part of this weekend, we are in the process of collecting gently used bicycles. These bicycles will be given an inspection and tune up if needed at the Charlie Thomas Bicycle Shop. This neighborhood based repair shop is named in honor of Charlie Thomas, a former Trinity member, who was instrumental in connecting the Richmond biking community to the children in the Oak Grove-Bellemeade neighborhood.

If you have a bicycle to donate, contact Bob Argabright via e-mail: rargabright@me.com

We look forward to having you participate in both events. If you have additional questions, contact the Trinity staff.



Welcome Aaron Miller Modern Worship Leader

Aaron Miller will join Trinity's church staff as our new Modern Worship Leader. Aaron will start August 5 and his first Sunday will be August 11. He comes to Trinity from First UMC, Salina, Kansas where he has been Director of Worship Arts and Media. In

his role there he has also worked with Kansas Wesleyan University students. Aaron holds a B.A. from Columbia College, and has also studied at North Carolina School of the Arts. Aaron has years of experience leading bands and choirs and is an accomplished performer on piano, guitar, bass, drums and keyboard/synth, he has also arranged music for band and orchestra (wind/strings.) There will be a **reception** to welcome Aaron on **Sunday, August 11 at 10:30 AM** in the **Welcome Center**. **Please join us in giving him a warm Trinity welcome.**



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, August 13** 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!



Dr. Charles Staples in Concert

Our Director of Music, Dr. Charles Staples will be featured in two local concerts during the month of

August for the music lovers out there!

Mike Goldberg and Friends

Wednesday, August 14 at 7:30 PM (Tickets \$15)

WCVE studios (Chesterfield)

Special evening of chamber music with guests, cellist Rebecca Gilmore and pianist Charles Staples

To get tickets, you can buy them at the link below or at the door: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-of-chamber-music-with-mike-goldberg-friends-tickets-64688971455>

Concert with Soprano Sarah Walston

Henrico Theatre

305 E. Nine Mile Road

Saturday, August 24 at 7:00 PM (Tickets \$10)

A Concert of Classical to Contemporary Songs with a few piano solos thrown in

<https://henrico.us/calendar/sarah-walston/>



Is Mayberry Still Relevant In Our World Today?

One of the most successful television shows from the 1960s 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 lead a class on **Tuesday, August 6** that will focus on the screening of three different episodes of the show. Two books, Joey Fann's **The Way Back to Mayberry: Lessons From A Simpler Time** and Neal Brower's **Mayberry 101**, for the foundation of discussion before the screening of each episode.

Insights from both authors along with observations from those in attendance will help us answer the question: is Mayberry still relevant in our world today? Neither book needs to be purchased to attend the class. There is only one requirement—bring your favorite ice cream to share as we work to answer our question.

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



Pennies for a Purpose!

Throughout the month of August, our Kids Sunday school class will be collecting pennies (or any loose change you may want to donate) for

Heifer International. All collections should be in by August 25. We will then tally the results and on September 1 in the Kids Sunday School class, we will share the results and the kids will choose what animal we will buy through Heifer International. We are hoping to purchase a Goat - but who knows, we might get enough for a Water Buffalo!! If you are not in the Kids class and would like to support their project, there will be a drop-off container in the Welcome Center on Sunday Mornings through the month of August.

Summer
Forum



The Outreach Summer Forum

Join us on **Sunday, August 25** at 9:30 AM for the Outreach Summer Forum. Richmond doctors David Gardner, Ike Kozoil, and Kenneth Olshansky will be here to talk about their work at the Remote Area Medical clinic in Wise County, Virginia. We hope you will attend.



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 Sunday, **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?

“Casablanca”

Sunday, August 25 4:00 PM Trinity Hall

Trinity Celebration at Westminster Canterbury

**Tuesday, August 27
3:30 – 4:30 PM**

Come join us as we gather with members of Trinity who live at Westminster Canterbury on Tuesday, August 27. We will meet in the Jaquelyn Room across from the chapel then move to the chapel for a brief worship service, which includes communion. Persons who are willing to bring refreshments are asked to contact Nancy Owen. Come and bring a friend!



Young at
Heart

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. Deadline to register is August 18.

Coming in September

Join us on **Wednesday, September 18** for a program by Tom Veazey of the Better Business Bureau who will speak on Senior Fraud. We will meet from 2-3:30 p.m. in Trinity Hall. He will entertain questions at the end of his presentation.

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

Our next planning meeting is Wednesday, August 21 at 4:30 PM.

Women’s Bible Study to Start in September

Come join Deanna McCullough and others to study on Monday mornings - starting **September 9**, the study topic will be announced soon! The class will last 8 weeks. Childcare is available. The class will meet 9:30 – 11 AM. Contact Judy Oguich or Deanna McCullough to register.



Dillard Forum

This year, the Dillard Forum is pleased to welcome Dr. James Howell, Senior Pastor, at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dr. Howell will lead three sessions for the Dillard Forum. The first will be on **Sunday, September 29** at 7 PM. This will be followed by two sessions on Monday, September 30. Lunch will be a part of the 12 noon session on Monday, and then the closing session will begin at 7 PM. More details will be forthcoming including how to make a reservation for lunch.

We have a wonderful problem!

We have people on our lay visitation teams ready to visit our members who are in need of a visit, but we don't have anyone to send them to visit! Do you know of a member of Trinity who would appreciate a monthly visit from our lay visitation team? We would appreciate receiving those names; and don't worry, we will call them before we add them to the list to make sure it's okay for us to visit. And if you are reading this and would appreciate a visit yourself, please call the church office and ask for Rev. Judy Oguich, Minister of Congregational Care. You can also email her at joguich@trinityumc.net. Thank you!

Welcome to our new coordinator of Lay Visitation Ministry, Lola Jean Nichols!



Egg Carton Providers

The Feed More ladies appreciate all the "eggcellent" participation you have given over the past few years in providing your empty cartons. However, Feed More has not received eggs in several months and we are not aware of another organization who might use them. So, for now we ask that you discontinue your egg carton contributions. We will alert you when and if Feed More has need for them again in the future. Again, thank you so much!!

Jan Booker and Ann Pierce

UMCOR Kits for Annual Conference

This year's kit collection at annual conference required a third tractor-trailer! The kits will make their way to the Mission Central warehouse in Mechanicsburg, PA for distribution anywhere they are needed as determined by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Total kits collected:

14,243 school kits, valued at \$156,673

39,296 hygiene kits, valued at \$435,552

663 flood buckets, valued at \$49,725

Grand total: 54,202 kits valued at \$641,950!

Many thanks to all of those from Trinity who helped to make health kits and school kits for UMCOR!

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.

VBS 2019 - Babylon was a success!!

We had over 160 children participate this year - many from our community!! Every day kids were smiling, laughing, and having fun while learning that God is with us no matter what we are going through. The story of Daniel was presented through skits, crafts, stories, and songs so that kids can connect and understand how God is with them in all situations. VBS cannot take place without the many volunteers who contributed during the week! Thank you to all who contributed needed items and gave of their time to share God's love with kids in our church and community! It was exciting to witness all of the friendships and relationships between kids and adults develop throughout the week! To all who volunteered, you made an ETERNAL impact on God's kingdom!!

PARENT CUE: For those of you who had children who participated in VBS, here are some questions you can ask them about their experience:

1. What was one fun thing that you did at VBS?
2. What was the best part of your week?
3. Who is one person you got to know better?
4. What is one word or phrase that sticks out in your mind about VBS?
5. What is one thing about the week that surprised you?
6. What is one thing that you learned about God, yourself, or others?



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 **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.



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)



Adult Mission Trip to North Carolina

In July, our middle school youth went to White Lake, North Carolina on a hurricane relief mission trip. The devastation they saw and the stories they heard from the residents in eastern North Carolina are not likely to leave their memories soon. Trinity is committed to send adults to Newport, North Carolina (in the eastern part of the state) from **Sunday, September 15 – Saturday, September 21**. This is a rebuilding trip, and the needs are significant. If you are interested in making this trip, contact Bryce Miller (bmiller@trinityumc.net) or Bill Pike(bpike@trinityumc.net). Thanks for your time and consideration.



Angel Apple Tree

The Angel Apple Tree is back again this year! Pick an apple and provide school supplies for Oak Grove Elementary School. Trinity has partnered with Oak Grove through the

Micah Initiative for the past 15 years and one of our most popular projects has been to provide school supplies. Over 50 Trinity families participate in this effort each year. During the spring, we meet with the lead teachers for all grade levels at Oak Grove and come up with a list of much-needed items. There are about 110 apples on our tree for school year 2019-20. So, there is plenty of opportunity to help! Please be sure to double bag your items and return to Trinity Hall by **August 25**. If you have questions, contact Karen Adams at kmadams1711@earthlink.net or 270-9869. Thanks for all your support!

Lenten Easter Mission Offering

On Sunday, June 23, the SERVE steering committee Carmen Sheppard, Betsy Estes, Lee Stocks, and Bill Pike met to review the Lenten Easter Mission Offering grant requests (unable to attend were Bob Argabright and Virginia Rhines). The grants were awarded as follows:

Baltic	\$1000
Camp Rainbow	\$2500
Celebrate RVA	\$500
Friends of Barnabas	\$5000
Kids Club	\$1200
Leonard Theological	\$2000
New Shoes	\$3000
Parenting Education	\$1500
Russia Initiative	\$1000
Shalom Farms	\$2000
Westview	\$4750

Grant recipients will be notified soon.

The steering committee opted to hold \$3,135 in reserve for a potential project that will be presented to Church Council at its next meeting.

Thanks for your time and cooperation, Bill

New Shoes for Back to School!

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.

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. A huge thank you goes out to Trinity and the Serve Committee for their continued support of this ministry through the Lenten Mission Offering.

Take Steps to Support the New Shoes for Back to School Ministry

There are three ways you can help out with the New Shoes for Back to School Ministry on Labor Day (Monday, September 2) at Third Street Bethel A.M.E. (614 N. Third St., Richmond)

1. Take the flyer (**on back of this flyer**) and purchase select shoes at **Saxon's at Short Pump Mall between August 5 - 9, 2019**. You'll receive 75% off and the shoes will be donated to the Back to School Ministry.
2. Purchase new shoes for school-age children and bring to Trinity by **Friday, August 23**.
3. Sign up to volunteer with the distribution at Third Street Bethel A.M.E. on **Labor Day, September 2, 2019**. (2 shifts: 7:30 a.m. - noon and 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.). If you'd like to learn more, contact Beth Monroe at bethmonr@gmail.com or (804) 339-0664. We need to know well in advance how many volunteers will commit to volunteering that day in order to make sure everyone gets training. There is a mandatory training date on **Saturday, August 24** at 10 a.m. at Third Street Bethel A.M.E.





“New Shoes For Back To School” Ministry

September 2, 2019

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August 5-9, 2019

Receive 75% off select school shoes to be donated to the
New Shoes for Back to School Ministry at Saxon Shoes
Short Pump.

Purchases will count towards your congregation’s total.
No limit to the quantity you can buy.

Bring this flier. Come to the children’s department
and a sales associate will help you.

Saxon Shoes
11800 W Broad St, Suite 2750
Henrico, VA 23233

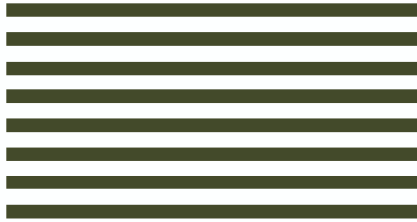
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THE ULTIMATE SHOE EXPERIENCE

YOUTH AT TRINITY

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AUG 9

The Graduate retreat will be for high school seniors who are headed off to college. August 9-11!

AUG 12-15

S.W.A.G. is back this summer. This is an event for all Middle schoolers, we will gather at Trinity for a couple hours every night for fun and games with our fellow Middle schoolers. 6:00 to 9:00 PM from August 12-15.

SUMMER WORSHIP AND GAMES

Summer Worship and Games, or SWAG as it is more commonly known, is a week of messy and fun games for our middle school students lead by our high school students. The purpose of SWAG is for middle school students to get to know each other, as well as play a ton of awesome, fun and messy games. This is one of the most popular events that we have during the summer here at Trinity, and a great way to end your summer, and kick off a new school year. You can connect with old friends and make some new ones in the process!

It takes place from 6:00 – 9:00 PM every night, starting Monday, August 12th and going through Thursday, August 15th. Pick up and drop off will be in the Eaton Hall parking lot off of Stuart Hall Rd. If you have not been to a week of SWAG before, then you will be in for a real treat. The days start with a mini dance party followed by a House competition for points. After the opening, there is a series of games, snacks, and messy, messy activities. The end of the evening will conclude on the front steps with a small worship and bible study.

AUG 18

Youth group kickoff will be on Sunday, August 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. This Sunday night will be the first one of the year. We will have a cookout and a couple blowup games for the evening. I hope to see you there as we begin another new school year with a bang!

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VBS

We had 30ish youth volunteer during our VBS week in a variety of positions including: snack, music, group leading and games

Richmond Mission Trip

We hosted the Church at Stone River from decatur Alabama. We worked with Oak Grove Bellemeade school, Shalom Farms, and the Pace Center.

NC Mission Trip

We had 10 youth travel to White Lake, NC and help transform a prison into a housing facility for other disaster relief teams coming to the area.



This year I had the pleasure to go on the middle school mission trip as a high school mentor for the second time. I have really enjoyed watching the middle schoolers enthusiasm to work and serve God in all that they do, whether that was through painting walls and ceilings, installing doors, and mastering drywall. We got so much accomplished and had a great time! -Lucy

Trinity UMC and South Roanoke UMC in front of the Barbershop at the Emergency Services Center in Bladen County, North Carolina.

More pictures from our May events:

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Lucy making a mess everywhere

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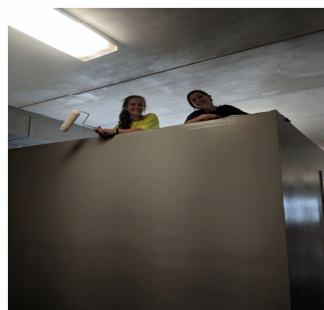
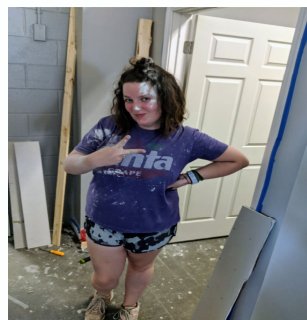
Matthew showing good balancing skills

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Nana Puddin cheesin!

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Griffin rollin ceilings





Thank You Notes

Dear Members of Trinity,

Thank you all for providing a beautiful celebration of Jennifer Boxley Andrew's life. It was so meaningful and spiritually up lifting! Your music and fellowship committees provided so much! Beautiful music, wonderful food and fellowship.

Thank you!

Al & Dale Boxley

Dear Trinity family,

You have all been such an amazing support to my family and me during my sister's illness and death. The past 2 1/2 years have been difficult, but our Trinity family has helped us get through it all. Thank you for all the cards, messages, hugs, meals, and most of all, the prayers. You are all a blessing to my family and me.

With much appreciation,

Suzanne Axtell and family



Joys and Concerns

Baptism

Emily Chaffee

New Members

Dave Heatwole, Sharolyn Heatwole, Linda Hart

Wedding

*Congratulations to the following couple who was recently married:
Brooke Spotts and Drew Good who were married on July 5*

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Gail Mason who died July 24
The family of Evelyn Deans who died July 15
The family of Diana Boring who died July 9
Taylor and Kerri Rhodes whose son Taylor Rhodes, Jr., died June 29
The family of Vernon Collier who died June 25*

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	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
Worship Service	360	345	441	328
Sunday School	145	137	128	153

Our Gifts as of June 30:

Projected income to date:	\$ 1,643,000.00
Actual income year to date:	\$ <u>1,608,033.88</u>
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ (34,966.12)



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, August 19 at 4 PM for events taking place in September**. 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.