

# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Corner

December 2019

*"A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'" Isaiah 40:3*

Company is coming. I suspect that between Thanksgiving and Christmas most of us know that statement. It may be out-of-town family and friends staying for a while. It may be hosting a dinner or a party or just a gathering. But company is coming, and we had better get ready. The junk mail scattered about needs to be taken out. Old magazines need to be recycled. The books I've left lying around need to go back on shelves where they belong. Decorating, vacuuming, dusting, it all has to happen. The furniture need to be rolled with a lint brush to get up all the cat hair. (No ensemble is complete without cat hair. Nevertheless, the furniture must be rolled!) Then, and only then, after all the cleaning is done, and when the guests arrival is anticipated, it's time to set the table.

Sound familiar? What a wonderful metaphor for our Advent season. If you and I go to such trouble to prepare for the coming of each other, then how much more important is our preparation for the coming of The Messiah? Our theme for Advent 2019 is *"Set the Table, Prepare the Way."* In worship we will be focusing on the words of the prophet Isaiah. Here at Trinity preparing the way of the Lord has much to do with our Ministry Vision 2020 and its focus on Vital Worship, Spiritual Growth and Community Life. Important and exciting things are happening, all that we might better live as Christ's followers.

As important as that is, more intriguing, and perhaps more provocative is the question *what will you do* to prepare yourself for the coming of the King? Vital worship, spiritual growth and community life are not just themes or concepts. It involves you on a very personal level. Let's explore this together, because I assume very important company is coming.

Advent blessings,



## Set the Table, Prepare the Way This December at Trinity

We hope that you will spend time in worship and in community at Trinity this December. Together we will celebrate Advent.

### Sundays of Advent: December 1, 8, 15 and 22

Traditional Worship	8:15 AM
Modern Worship	9:30 AM
Traditional Worship	11:00 AM

### Tuesday, Dec. 10, UMW Service Day 9:00 AM

*Join us as we create gifts for our homebound members, CARITAS guests and others.*

### Tuesday, Dec. 10, Carols & Craft Ales 6:30 PM

*Singing and exploring the meanings of our favorite Christmas songs at Ardent Brewery*

### Sunday, Dec. 15, Lessons & Carols 4:00 PM

*Recalling our faith through scripture, hymns and choral anthems.*

### Sunday, Dec. 15, Student Christmas Party 6:30 PM

*For middle and high school youth in Eaton Hall*

### Thursday, Dec. 17, Blue Christmas Service 7:00 PM

*A time for all who are weary, grieving, stressed and heavy laden*

### Friday, Dec. 20, Parents' Night Out 5:00 PM

*A snow-themed evening based on Ephesians 2:10. Play games, make crafts, experience an interactive Bible lesson run by our youth as a fundraiser.*

### Sunday, Dec. 22, Kid's Christmas Pageant 4:00 PM

*A children-led telling of the Christmas story*

### Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

#### Family Casual Service 4:00 PM

*A kid focused interactive experience of the Christmas story*

#### Modern Candlelight 6:00 PM

*Christmas story, communion, carols with full band*

#### Traditional Candlelight 8:30 & 11 PM

*Christmas Story, communion, brass, organ and carols*

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING

### Ministry 2020 Vision

A Town Hall style information meeting will be held on

**Sunday, December 8** at 12:15 PM in Trinity Hall.  
Childcare will be available.


## Advent Devotional

This year, in order to help you engage daily with Advent, we are sending our devotions to you via email or text message each day. You can expect the email to arrive sometime before 6 AM each day and your text link to arrive around 7 AM. We will also be posting via social media (Facebook and Instagram) around noon. Each of these posts will contain the same content, though they will each come through to your device a little bit differently.

We hope that this new thing helps you and your family dig a little deeper and experience a more holy Advent this year. Want to sign up? Go to <https://trinityumc.net/advent-devotional/> to sign up to do mobile or email. Each post will appear on that page after it goes live—a digital Advent Calendar for you!

This year we are adding a group element to our Advent Devotional. Each afternoon we will post a reflection question in our Experiencing Advent Together Facebook Group. This is an opportunity for you to reflect on your experience with the Advent Devotional with others. We encourage you to join that group if you are on Facebook. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityAdvent/>)

Limited copies of the Advent Devotional will be available on Sunday, December 1. We thank our writers in working with us. We also appreciate Kim Tingler, Judy Oguich, Dianne Moore, and our editors Betsy Estes, Art Utley and Derek Taylor. Merry Christmas!



### Advent Offering

This year, our Advent offering will be given to United Methodist Family Services (UMFS). The staff at UMFS works with high-risk children and families across Virginia. Our financial support allows UMFS to make a difference in the lives of these children and their families. During worship services on December 1, 8, 15, and 22, we will have the opportunity to learn a bit more about the many ways UMFS transforms people. Plus, this year, the Trinity Foundation will match up to \$5,000 of your giving. Please prayerfully consider becoming an “unwavering champion”, by donating to UMFS.



### Attention College Students!

Come to a special college student Sunday School class during Thanksgiving Break on **Sunday, December 1** at 9:30 AM in the library. Parents, tell your college kids!

College kids, tell your friends! We hope to see lots of you there!



### Thursday, December 5 – 2-3:30 PM

Come share in our Christmas program Dessert Extravaganza, with a musical presentation by The Tuckahoe Middle School Chorus. Each attendee is invited to bring his/her signature Christmas dessert to share. There will also be service representatives from Always Best Care, Hometown Realty, Phoenix Rehab and Health Services, Jo Lisi's Quality Painting, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Homelink, and NFM Lending. All are welcome!

### Thursday, January 23 – 2-3:30 PM

We will host “Grandeur in the Gilded Age” by the staff of Maymont. Come and bring a friend as we journey through history to see what people wore. Refreshments provided.



### UMW Service Day

Service Day is **December 10, 9:00 AM**, in Trinity Hall. We will begin with a brief program on the meaning behind the various Christmas ornaments followed by project work. Many organizations will benefit from our efforts, the Hermitage, Sherbourne UMC, Oak Grove ES, CARITAS, Mattaponi Clinic and many more. Be sure to look at the list of needed items to be donated to Covenant Woods located in the UMW newsletter. All are relatively inexpensive and easy to find at the grocery store, Target or Walmart. Even if you're not feeling “crafty,” there is something everyone can do, or just come and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship.

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at Harvest Day. Our speaker, Linda Hart, delivered an inspiring and meaningful message. My thanks to all who supported the event and lent a hand. I especially want to thank my planning partner, Jo Lewis. She worked to craft a service that allowed Linda's message to shine in word, scripture and song. We are truly blessed to have so many talented women at Trinity.



### Pub Theology

Carols and Craft Ales on **Tuesday, December 10** at 6:30 PM. Hung Su Lim, Charles Staples, Aaron Miller and Bryce Miller will be leading us

in singing some of our favorite Christmas carols. We will explore the meanings of our favorite Christmas songs. We plan to meet in the heated tent on the Ardent Brewery deck. Last year, the fellowship and singing made for an exciting evening. Please plan to join us!!

## Cedarfield Celebration

Come join the members of Trinity's Lay Ministry Visitation Team on **Tuesday, December 10** in the Health Care Great Room at Cedarfield beginning at 3:30 PM. We will have wonderful Christmas music, refreshments, communion and - most importantly - opportunities to fellowship with our members who reside at Cedarfield. If you would like to volunteer at this event, contact Carol Wampler (784-7177, [carolwampler@msn.com](mailto:carolwampler@msn.com)) or John Taylor (740-4405, [jaydeetay@verizon.net](mailto:jaydeetay@verizon.net)). All are welcome!



### Lessons and Carols

This year's Service of Lessons and Carols will be **Sunday, December 15**. We will do it

in the afternoon again at 4 PM, as this seems such an appropriate time for this beautiful service. This year's offering includes new settings of "In The Bleak Midwinter" and "The Little Drummer Boy", and we're bringing back a favorite, "The Best of Rooms". Come early and hear Christmas Carols on the harp in the Welcome Center.



### Blue Christmas Worship

We'd like to invite those of you who have struggled with the death of a loved one, faced life after di-

vorice or separation, coped with the loss of a job, lived with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, to come to the Blue Christmas Worship on **December 17** at 7 PM. In this sacred and calm space, this service will be reflective, accepting where we are, and holding out healing and hope. Please allow us to sit together with our experiences and to acknowledge what we have lost, and to remember Jesus' promise, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

### Parent's Night Out



On **Friday, December 20** from 5:00 to 8:00 PM you can drop your kids off for Christmas fun while you take care of some last minute Christmas details.

Parent's Night Out cost is \$10 a child

(larger donations are very welcome). All the proceeds will go to benefit the Trinity Youth Mission. Registration at [trinityumc.net/news/parents-night-out](http://trinityumc.net/news/parents-night-out). Children will bring their own bag dinner, no peanut products, please. Parents will receive an email with details prior to the event. We will enjoy Christmas stories, videos, crafts, games, and other activities. If you have questions contact Jen Williams [jwilliams@trinityumc.net](mailto:jwilliams@trinityumc.net).



## Trinity's Angel Tree

Kid's Ministry is sponsoring the Trinity Angel Tree. The names of the children we can help are now available. To pick a child go to <https://tinyurl.com/r1abwf2>.

After signing up, please return all gifts to the Welcome Center on **Sunday, December 15** between 8 AM and 12 Noon. When returning your gifts have two wrapped gifts (either toys or clothing based on what you picked), place tags on the gifts with the child's first name, do not put anything on the FROM: portion of the tag. Then place your gifts in a trash bag and label the bag with your child's family number, first name and type of gift (toy or clothes). If you are unable to return the gifts on December, 15 contact Jen Williams at [jwilliams@trinityumc.net](mailto:jwilliams@trinityumc.net) to make other arrangements. Jen is also looking for a few helpers to organize the gifts on the 15 and deliver them to Central UMC.



### The Hermitage-Richmond

Hidden Treasures will be open **December 6**, from 10:30 AM to 2 PM. The Christmas Room will be open in the lower level along with the usual clothing, housewares, and furniture rooms. We continue to appreciate various donations given toward this project. All funds are used to enhance the lives of the residents.

On Service Day December 10, twenty-four stockings will be filled and delivered to various residents. These stockings are lovingly made by Trinity Stitches.

*Nancy Miller and Judy Putnam*

## McClure Bible Study

The McClure Bible Study is an adult Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM meeting in Room 324. In December we will be finishing the Gospel of Mark and starting Matthew. Come join us.

## Yes, It Is Dirty

By now you should know that our Wednesday night dinner program has stopped, and that Trinity no longer employs a caterer.

The Trinity Hall kitchen has served our congregation and community well. This facility has lots of good years left in it.

Over the last several years, the Trustees and the Finance committee have replaced the dishwasher, the convection ovens, and the freezer. These were needed improvements and we appreciate the support.

But at this time, we have a bigger challenge than equipment replacement—keeping the kitchen clean. The kitchen receives an annual intense cleaning every summer. From that point on, we depend upon whoever uses the kitchen to properly clean up their mess. Unfortunately, it appears that we have not been at our best in doing this.

So, from this point on we need your help in implementing the following requirements.

First, if you have a need to use the kitchen, you must reserve the space on the church calendar. Contacting Paula Cadden will secure the date and time.

At a minimum, the following must be completed after each use: Trash emptied, all utensils used properly washed and returned to storage areas, sinks cleaned, countertops cleaned, floor swept and mopped, stove, convection ovens turned off, freezer, refrigerators, and ice maker doors properly shut, exhaust fans off, and lights turned off.

Tables used in Trinity Hall for eating a meal, must be wiped down after the event.

The church will continue to supply paper products and disposable eating utensils. If your group wants to donate these items for the good of the cause, remember no styrofoam products can be used.

Finally, if your Sunday school class, Circle, or small group wants to become a regular keeper of the kitchen, please contact Bill Pike.



## Winter Weather Decisions

Decisions for closing our building related to winter weather are tricky. Basically, we follow the closing announcements from Henrico County Public Schools. For example, if schools close early or are on a delayed opening, Trinity's opening and closing times are adjusted. If Henrico schools are closed, Trinity will be closed, and this would include all day and evening events. Our ability to re-open the building after a winter weather event depends upon how quickly we can clear our sidewalks and parking lots. If we can safely get people on to our grounds and into our building, then Trinity might return to normal operations quicker than the school system. Decisions related to closing the building on Saturdays and Sundays will be made based upon weather conditions at that time. Have questions contact Bill Pike [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net)



## Trustees Update

Your Trustees have been busy this fall. In cooperation with the Finance Committee, the Trinity Foundation, and your financial support, contracts have been signed for the following: repainting the hallway from the church office entrance to the Sanctuary foyers, new flooring for this hallway and for the staff offices along the way, and a much needed upgrade of staff computers.

Additionally, architect plans for the repurposing of the Mastin Room for our middle and high school students are ready to go out to bid, and a team is working on signage for our building and grounds.

If you have questions about these projects, please contact David Glassman, chair of the Trustees. Additionally, if you feel moved to contribute financially to any of these projects or future projects, please contact David or chair of the Finance Committee, Brent Belding.

## Care Team Ministry Update

We are blessed with three new teams (6 people) who have volunteered to be a Care Team, visiting our homebound members once a month! They are: Juliet Madzudzo, Elizabeth Dwyer, Meg Chisholm, Stacy Campbell, Judy Werner and Angela Trevvett. They have been trained and are already out making visits! Please let us know if you or someone you know needs a visit – hopefully you have seen the new white cards in the friendship pad folders in the pews to help with that process. Contact Rev. Judy Oguich or Lola Jean Nichols to volunteer, or to share names of those who need visiting.

Remember, “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”

Theodore Roosevelt



## HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF... CHRISTMAS

Instead of “Joy to the World,” does your December sound a lot more like this:  
“Who has time to enjoy Christmas? I’m too busy trying to get ready for it!”  
“Next year, we are going to enjoy the holiday season more.”  
“I wish we would have (you fill in the blank).”

Overloaded schedules and extra to dos can make the holiday season something to get through. But for many of us, we want it to be more than that. We want to be intentional with the time and to have fun with our families. And most of all, remember why we celebrate Christmas—the birth of Jesus Christ.

This Christmas, make sure you have at least one meaningful (and enjoyable!) moment with your kids. Block out a few hours or a whole day to enjoy age-old family traditions or make new traditions with some of our favorite (and simple!) Christmas ideas:

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SHOPPING.** Before decorating your tree, make a fun family outing of picking out new ornaments. Have each family member secretly pick out and purchase (or make) an ornament to represent this past year (think of trips, pets, hobbies, etc.). Then let each person reveal and explain their ornament choice while decorating the tree together!

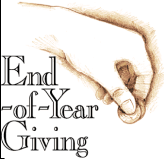
**CHRISTMAS CARD PRAYERS.** At dinner each night, open and read any Christmas cards you received that day. Pray specifically for those families together.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT NIGHT.** Pack a thermos of cider and load into the car to drive around your community and look at Christmas lights. Take it to the next level by making a simple scavenger hunt with things like: 1 inflatable Minion, 3 inflatable Santas, 1 Snoopy decoration, etc. Don’t forget to blast your favorite Christmas tunes (and the heat!).

**DONATE GIFTS.** Whether it’s through your church, Salvation Army’s Angel Tree program, Samaritan’s Purse’s Operation Christmas Child, or any number of local drives, find a family in need this Christmas. Find out what they need most and shop for them together as a family.

**READ THE CHRISTMAS STORY.** Set aside time on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to gather together as a family and hear the Christmas Story (Luke 2:1-20). Trade off who reads each year or have the same member of the family read every year while the others act out different parts.

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### Calendar Year-end Contributions

IRS Code 10170A-1(b) states that only funds received by December 31, 2019 or post-marked by December 31, 2019 may be counted as 2019 contributions. The date of receipt or the postmark is the key to determining the year of receipt. Thus, if someone hand carries a check to the church on January 2, 2020 that is dated December 31, 2019 it is a **2020** gift according to IRS regulations. But, if a check arrives by mail at the church on January 2, 2020 and it is postmarked December 31, 2019 and the check is dated December 31, 2019 or before, it is a **2019** gift.

Please try to get your contributions for the calendar year into the church office by December 31, 2019. If you have any questions, call Diane Ladd at 288-6057 ext. 203.



Trinity Kids has exciting changes happening in 2020!! We believe that making these changes will enable our church to be more effective in reaching the next generation and their parents!! I am so excited to meet with Trinity's kids on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings! With these changes comes new opportunities for our congregation to serve in our kids ministry!

**What I am asking everyone to do:**

- Please read through our needs carefully and pray for God to raise leaders to serve in our kids ministry.
- As you pray, ask God to reveal to you anyone that might be a good fit to serve in our kids ministry.
- If specific people come to mind that could be a fit for one of these roles, speak to that person directly and encourage them to serve or let Jen know of this person so that she can reach out to them.
- Pray that as our church is faithful to God's direction, our kids ministry will grow!
- Trinity's kids ministry is a vital ministry to our church! Ask God to reveal to you ways that you can support this ministry (prayer partner, kids leader, nursery care, decorations, supply gatherer, copy maker, administrative support, support for special events, etc.)

**Parents of kids (birth - 5th grade):**

- We want each child in our kids ministry to have five adults pouring into their lives. When you think of your kids and the adults (and students) in our church community, what specific people come to mind that you wish were (or currently are) your child's "five"? Either reach out to that person directly and encourage them to serve in our kids ministry or let Jen know and she can reach out to them.

**Students (6th-12th graders):**

- You aren't the future of the church, you are the church right NOW!
- What are your gifts and talents? Can you use them to serve in our kids ministry?
- Carefully read through the opportunities to serve and prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to mentor the kids in our church.

**What exactly are the needs in our kids ministry in light of our changes?**

**Modern Service:**

- Check-in
- 1 adult to lead each small group (K, 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>)
- at least 4 youth to co-lead small groups with an adult
- 1-3 youth or adults to lead worship time (video-based and/or live music)

**Late Service:**

- 1 adult for each small group (K-2nd and 3rd-5th)
- at least 2 youth to co-lead small groups with an adult

**Sunday Evenings:**

- 2 adults for Nursery (birth up to 2 yrs old)
- 2 adults for Preschool (2 yrs old thru pre-K)
- 3 adults for K/1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> small groups
- at least 4 youth to co-lead small groups with an adult

**Additional Volunteers Needed:**

- **Decorating Team:** Each monthly series from Grow has a theme and decoration suggestions. We would want to decorate the chapel each month to reflect the theme.
- **Planning Team:** This team would gather and utilize the Grow curriculum to plan each monthly series, creating an order of worship for Kids Church and lesson plan for Sunday evenings.
- **Supplies Team:** Once each series is planned, this team will gather/purchase supplies and organize them for Sunday mornings or Sunday evenings.

Want to serve in our kids ministry? Have questions? Contact Jen Williams at [jwilliams@trinityumc.net](mailto:jwilliams@trinityumc.net)

# Students at Trinity

DECEMBER 2019



December 9

## Advent Day of Service

What a better way to start off the advent season by a day of service. We will be helping out our Trinity community by doing some yardwork for our elderly members. We will depart Trinity at 1:30, sign up online.

December 15

## Student Christmas Party

On December 15, at 5:30 pm in Eaton Hall, we will gather for a time of fellowship, games, and gingerbread house building competition. Come for food and leave with silly presents!

December 22

## Kids Christmas Pageant

December 22 at 4:00 pm will be our kids Christmas pageant. Come out and support our younger crew here at Trinity and reminisce about the time you were a sheep!

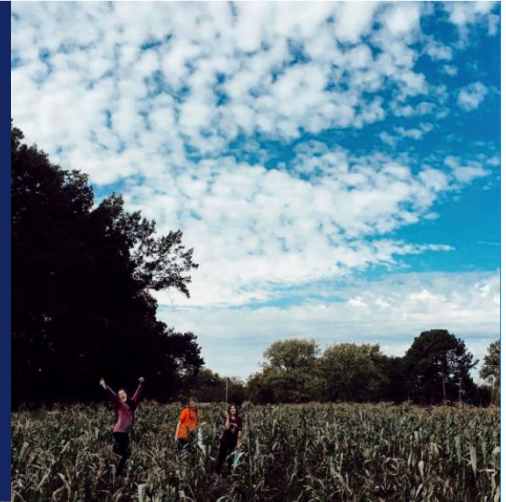


## CHRISTMAS EVE AT TRINITY

This is a fantastic day at Trinity! Come and experience the miracle of birth and the messiah entering the world. We will have a family service at 4:00, a modern service at 6:30, followed by our traditional services at 8:30 and 11:00 pm. See you there!

## Conference Retreat Recap

33 students and 4 adults travelled to the Eagle Eyrie retreat center in Lynchburg, VA, for a weekend away from our chaotic lives. We experienced heartfelt worship led by a collective of worship leaders from Richmond, and heard powerful witnesses to scripture from pastors Luiz and Todd. Along with learning more about our calling and how to live a life worthy of that calling, we had tons of fun and enjoyed many moments of laughter! Thanks to everyone who came, especially the adults that made it possible!



## Election Day of Service

NOVEMBER 5

A group of 13 students from Trinity travelled out to the east end of Henrico county to glean some produce from Gallmeyer Farm. They then transported it down to the Good Samaritan, who was going to distribute it to the families that they work with. You helped people enjoy local food that is good for them.

## Attention College Students

DECEMBER 1, AT 9:30 AM

Come to a special college student Sunday School class during Thanksgiving Break on Sunday, December 1 at 9:30 am in the library. Parents, tell your college kids! College kids, tell your friends! We hope to see lots of you there.

## Follow us on Instagram and Facebook

If you are looking for ways to stay connected to what we are doing at Trinity, follow us on social media at [@tumc\\_youth](#) and on Facebook through our group on the Trinity UMC page. This will be home for all celebrations and live updates of what goes on at Trinity!

[trintyumc.net](http://trintyumc.net)



## Serve Opportunities

### Help with Kids Club Dinners!

Calling all Sunday School Classes, Small Groups and Individuals! Please consider signing up to provide a hot meal to the children who attend Kids Club and Teen group on Sunday evenings at Central United Methodist Church. This church reaches out to children who attend Blackwell and Oak Grove elementary school. There are usually 20 people to feed, and dinner is to be served at 5 p.m. The church is located at 1211 Porter St, Richmond, VA 23224. Many of you have graciously served before and we thank you!

Here is the link to sign up:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20F0944AEAD2DA64-20192020>

Contact Hilary Coakley or Sarah Shutt with any questions.

### Volunteer Opportunity

Three Chopt Elementary School is looking for volunteers for two special days: **December 18**, (Holiday Lunch for Teachers) and **May 8**, 2020 (Teacher Appreciation Week Lunch for Teachers). This would involve a time frame from 11:15 AM to 12:45 PM. Partnering with another Trinity member to cover a class would be a good way to help out. All school volunteers are required to complete a background form before the date of the event. For more information, please contact Patricia Jones PTA President for the school. She can be reached via e-mail: [president@threechoptpta.org](mailto:president@threechoptpta.org)

### International Rescue from Harm to Home

At the September meeting of Church Council, approval was given for Trinity to position itself to adopt a refugee family who will be coming to the United States in 2020. This will be a six month commitment to help the family acclimate to the Richmond area. To be able to support this new family, we will need volunteers. If you want to learn more about this opportunity and training, contact Bill Pike at 288-6057, ext. 211 or [bpiketrinityumc.net](mailto:bpiketrinityumc.net). He will connect you to Sharon Singer, the Volunteer Coordinator for International Rescue in Richmond.

### Looking for a Truck

If anyone knows of anyone looking to sell a good used truck (cheap) preferably with a covered bed, xl cab please let Jim Scott (270-9869 or Jo Lewis (784-4370) know. We are looking for Hassan Adbi, our hard working Somali dad.

### Oak Grove Saturday Literacy Academy

We are off to a wonderful start to our seventh year of our Saturday Literacy academy. Each Saturday from mid-September until mid-May our volunteers from Trinity UMC, Collegiate, St. Christopher Schools, St. Bridget Church and VCU Globe work with our 65 Hispanic students to create an excitement for reading. We also lead Club activities such as Art, robotics, chess, Legos, gardening and board games. We also want to start a ukulele club as well as radio-controlled drone and airplane activity. If you have any guitars or ukuleles in your possession, we would appreciate your donations. If you have any skills in the radio controlled model arena, please share those talents with our students.

Our Fall semester will conclude with a Holiday celebration on December 14 from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. The families of our students will attend the celebration as well. We are expecting 250 to attend the celebration. I would appreciate your HELP and SUPPORT! If you are interested in baking three dozen cookies to be shared with our guests I would appreciate it.

The cookies can be delivered to Trinity kitchen from 9:00-10:00 AM on December 13. You are also welcome to come December 14 and meet our families. If you have any questions please email at [rargabright@me.com](mailto:rargabright@me.com) or call me at 310.1080.

Yours in Christ –Bob Argabright

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### Christmas Gift Buying Reminder



If you shop on Amazon, customers can designate a portion of the dollars they spend be donated to charity via AmazonSmile. Clearly, there are many charities available to choose from, but one is UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief). UMCOR is the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church. This organization assists churches to become globally involved in direct ministry to persons in need.

### 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)

## Joys and Concerns

### Baptisms

*JJ Kaufmann, Riley Tepe, Nell Fleck*

### New Member

*JJ Kaufmann*

### Wedding

*Congratulations to the following couple who was recently married:*

*Annie Cottrell and Griffin Johnson who were married on November 2*

### Our sympathies to...

*The family of Shep Hanner who died November 17  
Gail Clelland whose mother Millicent Lindey died November 12*

*The family of Craig Tidey who died November 10  
Beth Davis whose mother Alice Eury died November 6  
The family of Rachel Habel who died October 23*

## 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	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
Worship Service	457	379	431	432
Sunday School	223	195	216	267

## Our Gifts as of October 31:

Projected income to date:           \$ 502,902  
Actual income year to date:       \$ 483,262  
Excess (-shortfall)                   \$ (19,640)



## Gifts to Trinity

Gifts received for the *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*

In memory of:

**Rachel Habel**

**Kitty & Overton Jones**

**Walter Roish**

Gifts received for the *Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund*

In memory of:

**Rachel Habel**

**Edwina Westin**

Gift received for the *Dillard Forum*

In honor of:

**Dr. James Howell**

## Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity Family,  
Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown us during Rachel's recent illness and following her death. The cards, messages, flowers, food, visits and especially prayers saw us through this difficult time. We received so many compliments on our beautiful church, the memorial service and the lovely reception hosted by the Bereavement Committee.

Love and many thanks!

**George Habel, Mary Ann and Don Boyd**

## Veterans Pancake Breakfast

On behalf of the Outreach Class, we thank everyone who participated in the Veterans Pancake Breakfast. Our speaker, Ron White, was outstanding. We appreciate our Veterans, their families, Don Floyd, Dianne Moore, and the Trinity staff for their support. Finally, your purchase of a breakfast allows the Outreach class to offer assistance in our community, and for this kindness we are grateful.

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for all that you did for us and our family during this very trying time in our lives. You were a wonderful and caring assistance.

Sincerely,

**George and Joyce Tidey**

Newsletter  
DEADLINE

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, December 9 at 4 PM for events taking place in January.** 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).