



The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

November 2019

"Behold, I am making all things new." Rev. 22:5

Behold! Look out! Some exciting change is coming to Trinity. But, first a little background.

Over the past couple of years we have been doing some soul searching and critical examination of our ministries here at Trinity. We did a church consultation with the Unstuck Group. Some (many) of you have been understandably impatient asking, "Where's the change?"

In truth, the change started over the last year. We have experienced a historic change and reconfiguring of our church staff. I want you to know that your ministry staff here at Trinity is now a fully committed team of self-starters. They are passionate about their faith and contagious in their enthusiasm in ministry! Last summer I explained to them the task before us, I made clear to them what is our mission and then simply asked, "What's the best way to do this? Come up with a plan." They immediately started working collaboratively and energetically, while giving themselves the moniker "Hung Su and friends"! I am so proud and pleased with them! Can you sense it?

Last Sunday, the staff presented our plans to the Church Council. It was enthusiastically received and unanimously endorsed. These plans will be executed beginning in January of 2020.

I'm sure you want to know what these plans are, of what they consist, and what will change. Don't you worry, we will tell you. For now, this is meant to spark your interest and get you ready for answers to come. Please pay close attention to your email and in worship, as you will be hearing plenty of communication with lots of answers about some very important things in the coming weeks. Here, at Trinity, *God is making all things new.*

Blessings,

P.S. Trinity sends out an email every Wednesday afternoon with information about upcoming events. For some, this email may end up in your SPAM filter and may need to be whitelisted. This email comes from Trinity United Methodist Church news@trinityumc.net via mailchimpapp.net and usually has the subject line: "This Week at Trinity." You can subscribe to manage your subscription to this email online anytime at trinityumc.net/emails-updates.

CARITAS at Trinity December 14-21

The beginnings of CARITAS (Congregations around Richmond to Assure Shelter) dates back to the early 1980s. Originally named Winter Cots, the organization developed as a response to an increase in the number of people attempting to live on the street and not enough room in local shelters to house them.

When this was formalized into CARITAS in 1987, Trinity was one of many congregations who participated in assisting those in need. Just as CARITAS has successfully transformed lives over the last 32 years, so have the lives of our congregation and staff been transformed in meeting and working with our guests each year.

Perhaps you are aware that CARITAS is changing their traditional template where churches host and house families for a two week block of time each year. In 2020, CARITAS will be opening their new center where they "will bring the solutions for breaking the cycles of homelessness and substance use under one roof". This will be an exciting change for CARITAS staff and the Richmond community they serve. Churches will still have a role in this new model. As the new center comes together, Trinity will learn more about the future opportunities for our congregation.

Earlier in 2019, the Trinity staff learned about an opening in the CARITAS calendar. A church site was needed for hosting single women in December. The church calendar was checked, and we committed to be a host site from **Saturday, December 14 through Saturday, December 21**. For us, the needs will be the same. Trinity Hall will be converted into quarters for sleeping, dining, and fellowship. We will look to our Sunday school classes, youth organizations, small groups, and staff to provide a home cooked meal each evening, a light breakfast and a bagged lunch each day, assorted items for hygiene, laundry, and overnight supervision.

If you are already thinking about your Christmas gift list, give yourself the best Christmas gift you might ever receive—sign up to help with CARITAS at : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a8a72eaa8-caritas>. You, your family, and friends will be transformed. Questions to Bill Pike, bpiketrinityumc.net.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Thanksgiving Eve Service November 27 7 PM in the Sanctuary

Come join us as we gather together to remember and give thanks for our many blessings. Our speakers this year will be Catherine Taylor, Ken Beck and Ashley Marshall, with special music provided by Jan Benton. Childcare will be available.

Please bring non-perishable food items as an offering, which will go to Sherbourne Food Pantry.



Ladies Night Out

Mark your calendar to attend a Trinity Ladies Night Out on **Tuesday, November 5** from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Lynn Berry's house at 8402 Spilsby Court. RSVP and sign up to bring something to share at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a8a72ea64-ladies1> or **just show up!**

Casual attire plus your Trinity nametag if you have one - or you can make a nametag on site.

All women of Trinity are welcome! It's Election Day, so vote first and then come for fellowship! Questions? Contact Mary Neary at 387-4618. Hope to see you there!



Thursday, November 21 - 2-3:30 PM

Come hear Shea Tuttle present a program on her new book, "Exactly as You Are, the Life and Faith of Mister Rogers". Her book will be available for purchase and signing following this program. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!



Thursday, December 5 - 2-3:30 PM

Come share in our Christmas program, with the choral group from Tuckahoe Middle School providing the entertainment. In addition, several agencies will be in attendance to share information particular to seniors. Refreshments will be provided. 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.



Veterans Pancake Breakfast

Please join us in Trinity Hall on **Sunday, November 10** for the annual Outreach Veterans Pancake Breakfast.

As in years past, we will serve breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30 in Trinity Hall. Pancakes, bacon, baked apples, coffee, juice will be served. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. The program will start at 9:30 AM.

Each year, we publish a listing of the men and women from Trinity who have served in the military. If you would like to have the name of your family member in this listing, please provide their name and branch of military they served. You can forward this information to Bill Pike via e-mail: bpike@trinityumc.net or by calling 288-6057, ext 211. The deadline for the listing information is Monday, November 4.

We hope you will join us.



United Methodist Women
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Harvest Day

Our annual Harvest Day service will be held on **Tuesday, November 12** at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

with lunch following in Trinity Hall. Our speaker this year will be Trinity member Linda Hart. Make your reservation today!

Forms can be found in the Welcome Center or contact Stacy Campbell, stacybcampbell@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for Service Day on December 10 at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to join us for a day of mission project work, which benefits such organizations as Sherbourne, Oak Grove School, CARITAS, UMFS and many more.



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, November 12** 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!

Westminster Canterbury Celebration

Come join members of Trinity as we join with our members living at Westminster Canterbury on **Tuesday, November 19** at 3:30 PM. We will meet first in the Jaqueline Room for refreshments and fellowship, then cross the hall to the chapel for our worship service. Please contact Nancy Owen (740-7615, neowen1@verizon.net) if you are interested in attending. All are welcome!



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!



The Hermitage-Richmond

Many thanks go to all who contributed to the Hermitage-Richmond by their presence and their baking. The sale was a huge success and funds made during the two day Bazaar will go towards a new book room and bistro at the home. Trinity has been a tremendous supporter of Pinnacle Living at Hermitage-Richmond for many years through monetary donations as well as clothing, housewares, and furniture.

Hidden Treasures will not be open in November but will be open **December 6**, from 10:30 AM-2:00 PM.

Calling all Disciples!

Do you have some free time once a month to help make someone's day a little brighter? Could you make the effort to remind someone that they are not forgotten by their Trinity family? Do you like being with people? If you said "Yes!" to any of these questions, then we have the opportunity for you! As part of our lay visitation ministry, we have people to visit (usually homebound folks who aren't able to make it to Trinity on Sunday) – but we need volunteers to make those visits. And you won't go alone – care teams are made up of two people; and you coordinate your own schedules to make the monthly visit. Please contact our new Lay Ministry Coordinator, Lola Jean Nichols (ljsnichols@comcast.net, 360-3896) or Judy Oguich, Minister of Congregational Care (joguich@trinityumc.net, 288-6057, ext. 206), to volunteer to extend God's love to our homebound members! You will be glad you did!

Also if you know of someone that would like to be visited by one of our care teams, please let Lola Jean or Judy Oguich know that too!

New Members Wanted!

The Hospitality for Bereaved Committee is a mission of Trinity Methodist Church, which provides receptions following funerals held at Trinity. The membership of the committee is made up of volunteers from our church who donate their time and talents to help ease the distress of families during sad times. The committee consists of teams who are assigned specific months during the year. We would love to welcome new members who feel that they have the time to help a worthy cause. Call either Paula Cadden in the church office at 288-6056, Carole Dishman at 360-4072, Dale Boice at 740-0740, Pam Bullis at 346-4919, Colleen Berninger at 741-1565 or Linda Robinson at 378-8919. Please consider joining us and helping with this important mission of the church.



Update from the Trinity Finance Committee

Quarterly Giving Statements – Quarterly giving statements were mailed to your homes in late October. We ask that you review these statements carefully for accuracy:

- As indicated in the accompanying financial update, we are slightly behind budget year-to-date on pledges received. We would very much appreciate you "catching up" on any pledges prior to the end of the calendar year!
- There have been several reports of checks being stolen from local churches (Shady Grove UMC and River Road Baptist). We *do not* have reason to believe this has affected Trinity, but it is always good practice to review your statements to ensure the church has received your gifts.

Pledge Envelopes – Trinity provides giving envelopes to all members who pledge in the annual stewardship campaign. Please let us know if:

- You do not need these envelopes, due to on-line or other giving methods, as they can be recycled and/or repurposed by the church.
- You would like envelopes, but do not have them.

Please contact Diane Ladd (dladd@trinityumc.net) in the church office with questions about envelopes.

Thank you for your continued support of our church!



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF... **THANKSGIVING**

Holidays are meant to be a break, a time when work and school go on the back burner, teams and clubs have a lull in the schedule (sometimes), families relax and enjoy extra time with the ones they love most. But we all know that holidays more often turn into stress-filled days trying to make everyone happy and counting down the minutes until you can go back to your normal 9 to 5.

This Thanksgiving, 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 ones with some of our favorite (and simple!) Thanksgiving ideas:

THANKSGIVING SCRAPBOOK. Have your kid pick their favorite family photo from this past year. Paste it to the middle of a scrapbook page and have each family member write what they are most thankful for around the photo. Continue the tradition next year (and the next) by adding one page/photo a year!

THANKSGIVING PUMPKIN. On November 1, place a pumpkin and a Sharpie® marker in the middle of your dinner table. Throughout the month, encourage your family members to write the things they are most thankful for on the pumpkin.

THANKSGIVING TRIAL-RUN. If your last Thursday of November will be a hectic gathering of second cousins and great aunts, plan a mini-feast with just your immediate family on the first Thursday of the month! Have your kid(s) help out in the kitchen as you make smaller portions of your favorite Thanksgiving foods. Don't forget the pie!

BRANCH OUT. If you are too far from your extended family to celebrate the big day together, make your Thanksgiving extra special by inviting others to join you. Local college students, an elderly neighbor, or even another family you know who is far from extended family are all people who might be needing a big feast.

TURKEY TROT. Many communities have a local fun run on Thanksgiving morning. It's a great way to get outside and active during a time of year you might usually be confined indoors. If you don't have a local Turkey Trot, organize one in your neighborhood. Don't forget to bundle up and stretch!

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Emergency Guidelines

Thanks to Lou Cei, Rob Spotts, Katie Swartz, and the Trustees for their work in coordinating the development of the Emergency

Guidelines that are posted in our classrooms and essential locations in our building. These guidelines were compiled based upon information related to safety from federal, state, and local agencies.



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 bpik@trinityumc.net

Goodbye Styrofoam

In the spring of 2019, we asked our church caterer not to order anymore Styrofoam packaging for food or drink once stocks were depleted. As we move further into 2019 and head into 2020, we would ask church staff, Sunday school classes, and small groups to do the same—once your Styrofoam is gone, please replace it with an alternative food container product. Our Creation Care Committee will thank you, and if needed they can further explain the reasoning behind this request. Thanks for your time and cooperation.



Serve Opportunities

Help with Kids Club Dinners at Central UMC!

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

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 bpiketrinity@trinityumc.net. He will connect you to Sharon Singer, the Volunteer Coordinator for International Rescue in Richmond.

Show Thanks for God's Creation Tips from the Creation Care Committee

Enjoy holiday food – don't waste it!

For many of us Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate family and abundance. Unfortunately, it can also be a time of increased waste of food and resources. Cutting back on food waste helps the environment at every step from farming to packaging to transportation. Here are a few tips to avoid waste:

- Buy only what you need – you can be hospitable without being excessive.
- Use perishable foods you have before using more processed or preserved foods.
- Keep portion sizes moderate – overeating also can be a form of food waste!

Have a water efficient H₂Ooliday!

Preparing for and cleaning up after a holiday meals and parties can use much more water than ordinary, everyday use. Running your tap continuously while preparing food or washing dishes wastes water and can use more than two gallons of water every minute your tap is running. That's a lot when you're cooking a big meal for extended family members and friends! Find ways to reduce your water and energy use, for example:

- Scrape dirty dishes clean, instead of using water to rinse them before you put them in the dishwasher.
- If you don't use a dishwasher, fill the sink with a few gallons of soapy wash water, clean your dishes, and put them aside. Then rinse them all together afterward.

Either of these simple practices could save 10 gallons of water. If every American household reduced their water use by 10 gallons on just Thanksgiving Day, it would save more than 1 billion gallons of water, as well as save any energy or materials used to pump or treat tap water.

Christmas Gift Buying Reminder

amazon



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.

Students at Trinity

NOVEMBER 2019



November 5

Election Day of Service

What a better way to serve on election day, than by getting involved in our community! We will depart Trinity at 9 am and return by 1 PM. Lunch will be included, sign up online.

November 15-17

Virginia Conference Retreat

We will be travelling to the Eagle Eyrie retreat center in Lynchburg, VA for a weekend of connection and worship together. Sign up online ASAP if you are interested in going.

November 22

Kids Sparkle Box

To prepare the Kids at Trinity for advent, we will be hosting an event on Friday, November 22 at 6 PM. Come and help us share the story of preparation for Jesus' coming!



STUDENT CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

On December 15th at 5:30 PM in Eaton Hall, we will be having our Christmas party, there will be food, games and presents for everyone. Come to the Lessons and Carols service at 4 and stay for fun at the party after!

Pumpkin Patch Thank You

I want to say thank you to everyone who helped out at the pumpkin patch this season. All of you who helped unload, worked shifts, trashed rotten pumpkins, and to those of you who bought pumpkins, I thank you for another amazing year. We could not have done this without you!

Save the date: Pumpkin Unload Oct 5, 2020



Day of Service

OCTOBER 14

A plethora of students from Duncan Memorial, Shady Grove and Trinity partnered together to make cards and cookies for the foster families of UMFS. We then delivered them to UMFS and learned about all of the things going on there and took a tour!

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!

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Flower Tribute at Christmas

Advent is a time when we choose to honor and/or memorialize loved ones by listing their names in the bulletin during the Christmas season.

The cost to have a tribute “in honor of” or “in memory of” listed in the bulletins at Christmas is **\$20.**



The funds received will be used to offset the cost of flowers used to decorate the sanctuary and foyers for the Christmas season. Monies received above the cost of the flowers will be donated to Missions at Trinity.

The deadline for receiving contributions is Sunday, December 8, 2019.

Place this form in the offering plate

❁ Attached is my donation in the amount of: \$ _____

❁ Please list the following tribute in the bulletin during the Christmas season:

In Honor Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AND/OR

In Memory Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

❁ Donor's Printed Name and Phone #: _____

Joys and Concerns

Baptisms

Mackenzie Roberts, Hudson Silva

New Member

Riian Brock



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts to the **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of:

William Owen, Jr.

Joseph Beauregard

Gift to the **McClure Scholarship Fund**

In memory of:

Mary Lee May



Flower Delivery

Do you have an hour or so on a Sunday to bring a little joy into the life of our sick or homebound members?

We are in need of volunteers (*an individual or a couple*) who would be willing to commit to a calendar month during the year to deliver the altar flowers each Sunday to individuals (*determined by the Church Office*).

The months of January, May, July, and September are currently available. You will be blessed through this ministry of serving others! For more information or to volunteer, call Paula Cadden in the Church office at 288-6057 ext. 201.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and the altar flowers during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. I am thankful to be a part of such a caring church family.

Ralph Freeman

To the Congregation of Trinity UMC,

I would like to thank the Rev. Lenow, the members of Trinity, and especially the Trinity Stitchers for all the thoughts, prayers, and the beautiful quilt given to me for my 100th birthday. I am honored you remembered me in this manner. The quilt is stitched beautifully, and I will treasure it. I am especially grateful to those who came to my birthday celebration at Cedarfield. It was wonderful seeing you again.

With Love to all,

Stella Fritter

My friends at Trinity have been so good to me over the many years I have been involved with the church. I can't begin to tell you how much the Trinity Family has meant to me. Thank you for the lovely flowers.

Sincerely,

Mary Dial

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	10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
Worship Service	359	422	324	395
Sunday School	176	201	194	120

Our Gifts as of September 30:

Projected income to date: \$382,166.00
 Actual income year to date: \$ 369,981.08
 Excess (-shortfall) \$ (12,184.92)

Newsletter DEADLINE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, November 18 at 4 PM for events taking place in December.** 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.