



# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Corner

April 2020



How quickly things change. How is it possible to go from the best, the most successful, record-breaking of times to the very worst? Friends and comfort are stripped away. Danger and death surround. Confusion. Helplessness. Fear. There is the despair that comes from the sense that we are out of control and that the future is lost.

Coronavirus. Yes, sure. But I am describing the Holy Week experience of the disciples of Jesus. Palm Sunday to Good Friday, Triumphal Entry to Crucifixion, what brief, radical roller-coaster ride it was. Friends, I know that many of us can resonate with the first paragraph. With the closing of schools, businesses, cancellation of in-person worship and all the pervasive fear it may feel like you've lost control of your life. But I would remind you that we are not a Good Friday people, we are an Easter People. Our hope and faith is in the Risen Lord! So even if the days seem dark now, take hope. The despair of Friday is followed by Sunday morning. Take heart! The God who created the heavens and the earth, the God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead, the God who is with us NOW is stronger than even this virus. And this Living God will sustain and restore us. This Easter will be different than any other in our lives, but one thing will not change - CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Be strong. Have Faith. And Easter blessings to all!

P.S. If you haven't tried my online Bible Study using Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World* Holy Week might be just the time. It walks us through that week. Plus, if you don't like it, you can shut me up with a click! Try it, you can find it on the church website, [trinityumc.net](http://trinityumc.net).



## Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 5 we will be worshipping online at 11:00 AM.

Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 PM  
Maundy Thursday Service online.

Good Friday, April 10 at 7:30 PM  
Good Friday Service of Tenebrae online.

Easter Worship Service, April 12 at 11 AM  
We will be worshipping together online, Christ is Risen!

There will be a time of fellowship after our Easter service online. Please join us to connect with your Trinity Family.



## Make Disciples... I Am with You

*Make Disciples...I Am with You*, has started off strong! But it will not be complete until we have 100 percent participation.

To date we have received 309 pledges totaling \$1,181,409.

*Make Disciples...I Am with You*, the call has never changed. How will you answer?

COVID-19 has suspended in-person events at Trinity for the time being. We are using a variety of methods and platforms to stay connected during these times.



## Online Meetings & Events ([trinityumc.net/news/events-at-trinity](http://trinityumc.net/news/events-at-trinity))

### Kids Ministry:

We will be hosting two weekly Zoom gatherings on **Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 PM**.

We also are looking for kids who are interested in sending cards, drawings or notes to Trinity's shut-ins, contact Jen for more information.

### Students Ministry:

Middle School Zoom meeting **Tuesday afternoon at 4 PM** <https://zoom.us/j/180210533>, ZOOM Meeting ID: 180-210-533

High School Zoom meeting **Wednesday evenings at 8 PM** <https://zoom.us/j/606127490>, ZOOM Meeting ID: 606-127-490

College Zoom meeting **Thursday nights at 8 PM** <https://zoom.us/j/324266277>, ZOOM Meeting ID: 324-266-277

Parent Zoom meeting **Monday nights at 7:30 PM** <https://zoom.us/j/121358591>, ZOOM Meeting ID: 121-358-591

### Modern Worship:

Aaron will be leading a dialogue called "Sacred Rhythms" via ZOOM on **Wednesday evenings at 7 PM**.

<https://zoom.us/j/134292540>, ZOOM Meeting ID: 134-292-540

### Music:

Choir has online rehearsal Wednesdays at **7:03 PM via ZOOM**.

<https://zoom.us/j/137482565>, ZOOM Meeting ID: 137-482-565

Charles Staples provides online music offerings via Youtube Live. Visit our online events page or our Facebook page, as the times and dates for these offerings fluctuates.

### Pastor Larry:

Bible Study **on Tuesday at 7 AM via ZOOM** <https://zoom.us/j/727017964>, ZOOM Meeting ID: 727-017-964

Bible Study on Wednesday at 1:40 PM via ZOOM <https://zoom.us/j/854830801>, ZOOM Meeting ID: 854-830-801

Find Pastor Larry's Bible Study online via **Facebook Live at 4 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays**. (@TrinityRichmond)

Or online here: [trinityumc.net/digital-bible-study-reflection](http://trinityumc.net/digital-bible-study-reflection)

### Pastor Hung Su:

Prayer meetings daily at **6:30 AM and 12:30 PM via ZOOM** <https://zoom.us/j/6243348408>, ZOOM Meeting ID: 624-334-8408

Friday Bible Reading at **11:00 AM via ZOOM on Fridays**. <https://zoom.us/j/6243348408>, ZOOM Meeting ID: 624-334-8408

Additional Small Groups are also meeting via ZOOM.

### Trinity Church Chatter Facebook Group:

As we continue to look for ways to connect with one another while we are physically apart, we have created a Trinity Church Chatter Facebook Group. We hope that you will join this group, invite a friend to also join, and use this space to share with one another, pray for and with one another, and share moments of joy in the chaos.

**Find the group on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/trinityrichmond>

## Tentatively Schedule

### McClure Bible Study Class

Starting April 5 (or when we can get back into the building) and for the next 11 Sundays, the McClure Bible Class will be offering a DVD series on Women of the Bible. We will be examining women such as Hannah, Mary of Bethany, Mary the Mother of Jesus, and other women of the Old and New Testament. Join us at 9:30 each Sunday in Room 324.

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### Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, April 21** 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!



### Catch A Fire: Feel the Holy Spirit

*Spring Service Day*  
**Tuesday, April 14,**  
**10:15 AM in Trinity Hall**

[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author  
A morning of creation and sharing. Join the Trinity Women as we make items for many in our church family and community groups.  
*We want others to know our faith is on fire and spreading like wildfire!*

Some projects happening that morning:  
**Go Bananas for Sherbourne Food Pantry!!!**: Fresh or canned fruits for Sherbourne  
**Collecting Items for Safe Harbor Shelter**; see list on website under Trinity Women.  
**Writing cards to members and friends**

Several other projects planned.

Come – Be A Part of this time to work together for others.



### Young at Heart Upcoming Events

**Thursday, April 23**

Guided tour of the American Civil War Museum at Tredegar, with additional tour of Tredegar. Following the tours we will have lunch at the University of Richmond. Leave Trinity at 9:30 AM, back at Trinity by 2 PM. Cost of both tours: \$15, registration will take place March 29 and April 5 in Connection Alley.

**Monday, May 18**

“While You Weren’t Looking Richmond Got Cool!”, presented by Jack Berry, President and CEO of Richmond Region Tourism. Program time is 2- 3:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided.

**Thursday, June 18**

Trip to Henricus Historical Park. Leave Trinity 10 AM, return by 2 PM. Cost of tour is \$9.00 (paid there). We will have lunch on the grounds.

Young at Heart programs are open to everyone. Come and bring a friend!



### Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning, Spirituals of The Underground Railroad

On the afternoon of April 26, the Trinity Music Ministry will present a concert we're calling "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning, Spirituals of The Underground Railroad." Richmond soprano Lisa Edwards Burrs will be joining us, as we sing spirituals and view art which depicts the desperate attempts of slaves to flee the bondage of slavery. Join us for this 4 PM narrated concert of choirs, solos, handbells and brass in the sanctuary.

### Tuckahoe Senior Living Celebration

**April 28, 3:30 PM**

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 28** at **3:30 PM** for a visit with our members residing at Tuckahoe Sunrise Villa. Fellowship, refreshments, communion, and an update on the activity at Trinity are included. Contact Susie Hildebrand at [shildebrand@verizon.net](mailto:shildebrand@verizon.net) or 740-7490 to volunteer or for more information.



### The Table

“The Table” is a worship and fellowship gathering centered around dinner and communion on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 PM. We begin the evening as one family—kids, students, and adults together—for a time of singing and prayer before sharing a meal and celebrating communion. Kids and students then enjoy fellowship together, while adults engage in meaningful discussion around “the Table.” We finish up at about 7:15.

This “come as you are” gathering, is a space to connect with others and experience church in a more casual and interactive way, faithful to the tradition of Jesus’ disciples sharing meals together and growing together as friends and family.



## HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF...

# EASTER

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At this point in the school year, life is running at full speed. Spring sports, school projects, \$10 for this, \$10 for that—and right in the middle of it all comes one of the most important holidays of all, Easter.

Easter is when we remember Jesus's death and resurrection, when our sin was paid for by His sacrifice, and the hope of a new life was given with His empty tomb.

It's not something we want to just get through. We want to pause long enough to honor this momentous event, reflect on what it means for our faith, and then celebrate it with our families. Here are a few simple ways to make the most of Easter as a family.

**GROW YOUR OWN EASTER GRASS.** Avoid plastic grass sticking to your bare feet for the next month by picking up a container of wheat berries and growing your own Easter grass. New growth and the beauty of spring is a good reminder of the message of Easter—of the resurrection, and of our new life in Christ. Look up instructions on how to grow wheatgrass and grow it right in your kid's Easter basket. (Bonus: wheatgrass is a healthy addition to smoothies!)

**PLAY THE SHELL CRACK GAME.** Make a dozen or so hard-boiled eggs. (Go the extra mile and decorate them as a family!) Have each person choose an egg and face off against another family member. The goal is to smash the small end of one egg against an opponent's. One will crack, while the other won't. The person with the unbroken shell moves on to the next round!

**EGG THE NEIGHBORS.** The biggest thing we can do to honor the cross is to go and love others. Show your neighbors some love this Easter by making a basket of Easter goodies. Include a slip of paper that says, "You've been egged!" Then, ring the neighbor's doorbell, leave the basket by the door, and run!

**MAKE PEEP S'MORES.** This one speaks for itself! Heat source + graham crackers + chocolate + Peeps = a family tradition you'll look forward to all year. Because the most fun way to celebrate anything is by making delicious things to eat—together!

**HAVE AN EGG HUNT AT NIGHT.** Snap some glow sticks and carefully place them in a few plastic Easter eggs along with a Scripture verse or words of encouragement (you may need to tape them shut). Hide the eggs at sunset and wait until it's fully dark to do your glow-in-the-dark egg hunt! After they've been retrieved, enjoy some sweet treats and have everyone read their slips of paper.

**A NOT SO GOOD FRIDAY.** Good Friday, the Friday before Easter, is when we recognize the day Jesus died on the cross. As a family, gather and tell stories about when something was really bad, even hopeless, but the end result was better than you thought. Share how the disciples thought things were hopeless, that Jesus was dead, but then He was resurrected. Then celebrate by doing something better than your family expects with a surprise dessert.

**FOR OLDER KIDS.** As a family, read through the final days of Jesus in the Bible. (Read Matthew 21–28; Mark 14–16; Luke 22–24; and/or John 18–20.) Have each person read a chapter aloud. If the story is familiar, challenge everyone to notice something new about the story that they didn't see before and share it. Also, talk about what the story means to you personally.

## Easter Flower Tributes in 2020

Because we are currently not able to gather in person for Worship, we are providing the list of Easter flower tributes in the April newsletter, The Window.

<i><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></i>	<i><b>Given by:</b></i>
Alf and Jean Goodykoontz	Chuck and Cathy Goodykoontz
Bill Stuart, our son	A.D. and Callie Stuart
Charlene and Herman Moore	Dorothy and Dianne
Diana K. Boring	Hubby
Dick Forrester	Mary Hetzel
Dilworth S. Cook, Jr.	Mrs. Dilworth S. Cook, Jr., and Family
Don and Al Pierce	Mary Ann and "Don 2"
Elizabeth Mallory	Dorothy and Dianne
Geoffrey Richard Shudtz	His Family
George and Rachel Habel	Their Family
George and Shirley Whitley	Tom and Kathy Crew
Gilbert and Rose Stroop	Joyce Winters
Irvin and Millicent Kennedy	Jon Kennedy Family
John and Hilda Bowman	Diane Cowling
John Stuart, AD's brother	A.D and Callie Stuart
Lane Dickinson	Teresa Given and Judy Oguich
LaNelle and Clyde Jeffrey	Sandy, C. T, and Lori
Lola and Norman Hilliard	Dorothy and Dianne
Marshall E. McCabe, MD	His Family
Mary Virginia Crew	Tom and Kathy Crew
Pamela Moore Rutledge	Leo and Pam Rutledge
Peggy and Jack Harter	Daughter, Connie Harter Burton
William R. (PaPa) and Evelyn F (Dee) Carlton, our beloved parents and grandparents	Loving Family

<i><b>In Honor of:</b></i>	<i><b>Given by:</b></i>
Charlotte Forrester	Mary Hetzel
Christian Beliefs Sunday School Class	Diane Cowling
Jo Lewis	Mary Hetzel
Kids Church at Trinity UMC	A Thankful Parishoner
Kris, Melanie, Eila and Siri Moran	Joyce Winters
Marsha Goodfriend	Tom and Kathy Crew
Myles Lanz and Brooks Norfleet, our grandsons	Bert and Sheila Norfleet
Stacy Campbell and Trinity's UMW members	Mary Hetzel
Trinity United Methodist Church	A Thankful Parishoner
Vickie and Bob Argabright	Mary Hetzel

# Students at Trinity

APRIL 2020

Hello Y'all!

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and belief in what God is doing in our world. This is a tough time for all of us, filled with anxiety and fear. However, this is also why we are a part of a community that has covenanted together to support one another through difficult times. It is my hope that through these difficult times, that we would strive for connection with each other virtually and have compassion for all of those around us. Please join us for our variety of online activities over the next coming weeks, but also be alert for how you can serve your neighbors and the needs of our most vulnerable populations in your community.

I love all of you and will be praying for you each daily. If you need anything please do not hesitate to call me.  
— Bryce

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm

## Middle School Zoom Meeting

On Tuesdays for the foreseeable future, middle school students are encouraged to gather together at 4:00 pm for a time of fellowship and learning about how to carve out time for God in our lives.

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

## High School Zoom Meeting

We will be joining together on Wednesday nights to catch up on life, and to search for what it means to observe a sabbath. Join us for a time of sharing and prayer on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm.

Thursdays at 8:00 pm

## College Student Zoom Meeting

Calling all college students! We will gather on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm. This is a time for us to hang out and have some conversations about faith and how life can be a whirlwind of change.



## STUDENT'S PARENT CHECK-IN

On Monday nights at 7:30 pm we will have a time for parents to gather together and share how things are going in their lives. This will also be a time of sharing about what is coming up in the lives of their students, and how we can work together to share our faith!

## Follow us on our social media platforms

It is now more important than ever to stay connected virtually. If you are looking for ways to stay connected to what we are doing at Trinity, follow us on Instagram at @tumc\_youth and on Facebook through our many groups on the Trinity UMC page. This will be home for all celebrations and live updates of what goes on at Trinity!

## The Table

A group of people about 60, including children, gathered on the first Wednesday of March in the evening as the first Table. "The Table" is an informal church family dinner with acoustic music and singing, scripture reading, a brief meditation, and communion, followed by meaningful discussion for adults and youth and fun activities for kids.



## THE TABLE

After we spent much time on discernment, including praying, brainstorming, sharing hopes and dreams, we wanted to focus on Acts 2:43-47, which gave us a snapshot of the early Christian church. As we shared the 2020 ministry vision for Trinity, we believed that Worship, Spiritual Growth, and Community Life would be needed for being faithful to the authentic and biblical church model.

The Table has been a blessing because it offers a time of worship, growth, and community life. At the first gathering of The Table, we worshiped our Lord with praises and thanksgiving and shared what it means to gather around a table.

Tables are various in terms of purposes, sizes, and shapes, but what they are in common is that they are meant to be used as a place of gathering. They help us build a community. Family, friends, and co-workers sit, eat, work, and share conversations that bring joys, sorrows, hopes, and worries. Eating is the most basic human function that everyone shares. A table allows us to have a space to eat the food that creates a basic level of connection. A table reflects a life.

In the Bible, there are many table stories. Abraham invites three strangers and has a meal with them. God commands to sit together, eat, and remember the night of Passover. Jesus celebrates at the wedding at Cana, sits with people, sinners, and tax collectors. He says to Zacchaeus, "Come down. I must stay at your house today," and Zacchaeus hurries down and is happy to welcome him. Jesus sits with the Samaritan woman, offering the living water, and feed the five thousand. In one of the parables, when the prodigal son returns, there is a great feast.

The Table where Jesus sits with his disciples and shares the bread, and the wine is one of the most tangible signs of the community that Jesus invites. It is a visual sign of God's grace, love, and welcome. Jesus invites us to his Table by saying, "This is my body which is given for you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

What does it mean for you to have a place at the Table right now? What is the Lord leading you to do in response to the Table?

With this situation of covid-19, of course, we are suspended our gatherings until further notice, but would you share your stories? What are the stories of your memories and experiences around the Table?

## Answering the Call – Stitchers Style!

We wanted you to know that the Trinity Stitchers are busy making cloth masks for factory workers in Hopewell. The call went out Monday afternoon from Louise Girvin: *“Our son, Andy, is plant manager for a large industrial plant in Hopewell. His plant is considered “essential” since they supply the material that goes into fertilizer used by farmers. One of his biggest concerns right now is keeping his workers healthy — and keeping the plant running. A huge task! His workers wear masks when operating the machinery. As you know, all masks (of the type he normally uses) are being diverted to the healthcare industry. Hence, he is running short of the disposable masks and needs to consider alternatives. One is to make reusable masks; hence, my involvement (since I’m the only one in the family who knows how to use a sewing machine!). Once he gets all his “ducks in a row,” he would like 50-100 masks (with perhaps more later). I need more hands than just mine to get them made in the short amount of time he’s looking at.” And the Stitchers are responding! Want to help? Contact Louise Girvin or Janet Hill.*



## 2020 General Conference Postponed

The 2020 Session of General Conference, the worldwide United Methodist legislative body has been postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The March 23 announcement came from the Commission on the General Conference. The commission will work towards scheduling a date in 2021 to take place in Minneapolis, MN. “As we looked at the complex issues that we will need to navigate to reschedule the event and the lack of options available, it does not appear feasible to plan for 2020.” Said Kim Simpson, chair of the Commission. “These issues include the undetermined length of the pandemic, uncertainty around travel bans in different areas of the world, delays in processing visas due to government and business closures and other questions.”

## Update from the Finance Committee

The COVID-19 virus has impacted all of our lives in many ways. First and foremost, we hope that all members of our Trinity family are healthy, safe, and continuing to find spiritual enrichment through our great church. Our committee met recently to discuss the potential impact of the temporary church shutdown on Trinity’s finances. Here are a few things that we would like to communicate to the congregation:

- **Tithes and Offerings** – Please continue to support our church with your tithes and offerings, as you are able, during our temporary shutdown. Our expenses continue, even though we will not have a chance to pass the offering plates. We encourage everyone to continue giving in your typical pattern/frequency via online methods, or by mailing checks to the church office at 903 Forest Avenue, Henrico, VA 23229.
- **Online Giving** – if you do not give online already, this is a good opportunity to switch! Trinity has several ways to give online currently, including ACH, e-check, and credit card. We are also investigating new ways to automate giving as well, including Zelle and PayPal. These are all easy, safe, and consistent ways to provide your gifts to Trinity. Please visit <https://www.trinityumc.net/give/> for more information.
- **Apportionments** – our committee voted to temporarily suspend monthly apportionment payments to the Conference, until we determine if Trinity will be financially impacted during this time. While we intend to pay our apportionments in full by their due date (December 31, 2020), we want to be sure that funding is available to meet our essential expenses, most notably our priority to fund payroll for our clergy and staff.
- **Capital Projects** – Trinity remains committed to investing in long-term capital projects to grow our church and fulfill our mission. Our trustees are moving forward with several exciting projects, which are largely funded outside of our operating budget. Major capital projects will continue to be subject to church council approval, and will be evaluated in the context of our overall financial health.



## Joys and Concerns

### Birth

*Clara Keeling Smith born on February 27 to Catherine and John-Scott Smith. Her grandmother is Dale Miller.*

### New Member

*Janet Keene.*

### Our sympathies to...

*The family of Charlie Beverage who died March 19  
Anna Schoenenberger whose husband Mike Schoenenberger  
died March 17*

*The family of George Habel, Jr. who died March 16  
The family of Richard "Dick" Forrester, Jr. who died  
March 12*

*The family of Edith Darden who died February 26  
The family of Mary "Lu" Graham who died February 25  
John Bristow whose father Decker Bristow died February 23*

## Congratulations Dr. Jim McCullough

Jim P. McCullough, Jr., a longstanding member of Trinity UMC and the Contemporary Class (48 years), just published a memoir describing his toxic growing-up years and the major players who helped him mature and grow up. Subsequently, he became a clinical psychologist and spent 47 years as a clinical psychology faculty member in two universities doing diagnostic and treatment research with chronic depression and personally treating 450 chronically depressed patients. He has developed the only empirically validated psychological method available in this country and abroad to treat the chronically depressed disorder – a condition now labeled Persistent Depressive Disorder. The book title is *Swimming Upstream: A Story about Becoming Human* and the book was published in January, 2020 by Dorrance Publishing Company, Pittsburgh, PA.

## Our Stewardship

*"We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness."*

## Our Presence:

Day	3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22
Worship Service	482	380		
Sunday School	175	150		

## Gifts as of February 29:

Projected income to date:	\$ 1,099,906
Actual income year to date:	<u>\$ 1,072,053</u>
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ (27,853)

## Thank You Notes

Trinity Family,

Thank you to all the wonderful people in your church who "saved the day" for us by generously accommodating our last minute requests. Everyone was amazing, kind, helpful and loving. We appreciate you so much!

*Henry & Norma Anne (daughter of Bernice Chattin)*

## Gifts Given to Trinity

Gifts received for the **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of:

**Leslie Trevvett**  
**Charles Beverage**  
**Edith Darden**  
**George Habel**  
**Millie Taylor**

Gifts received for the **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**

In memory of:

**George Habel**  
**Hilda Higgs**  
**Rev. John Coffey**

Gifts received for the **United Methodist Women Legacy Fund**

In memory of:

**Rachel Habel**



## 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)

NewsLetter  
DEADLine

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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