

# The Trinity Window

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September 2020



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

Here's the latest news here at Trinity:

*Holy Communion.* We will begin celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion on September 13. No, that isn't the first Sunday of the month, but it is our traditional Fall Kickoff so it seemed appropriate. Briefly, how this will happen is that instead of walking down the aisle to receive, you drive to the church immediately following the regular livestream service to receive. You will have one hour to get here. (For more detailed instructions, please watch the video.) Personally, this has been one of the hardest parts of social distancing and virtual worship for me, so while our plan is not ideal, I am none the less giving God thanks for it!

*Blood Drive.* We are hosting the American Red Cross for a Blood Drive on Thursday, September 10. All blood donations are given antibody tests, so in the process of donating you can find out if you may have already had Covid-19. It's not the reason we give blood, but not a bad thing either. May I point out that the first event and groups meeting at Trinity is the Blood Drive and our Twelve Step Groups (AA, Al-Anon, NA) respectively. I think this says something about our church. We are here to minister to the community. This is who and what Trinity has always been.

*Small Groups.* Small groups are meeting at Trinity. Right now, the focus is outside, and scheduling is limited. (Sanitizing in addition to cleaning is a *huge responsibility* for our custodial staff. The limitations that puts on us may not be immediately obvious to you, but trust me, they are doing a great job! We have to be careful of how much we stretch them.)

*Preschool.* Trinity Preschool opens this month to a very different year with some very different rules. Please hold the Preschool, our Director Katie Swartz, the staff and teachers and, of course, the kids in your daily prayers.

*Dillard Forum.* Our 2020 Dillard Forum will feature Rev. Ben Campbell, author of *Richmond's Unhealed History*, Executive Director *emeritus* of Richmond Hill Retreat Center, and Pastoral Assistant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. How critical it is to know our own history in order to comprehend and deal with current events. Ben will preach at our Sunday, October 11 worship and the Forum will be Sunday-Tuesday, October 11-13 at 7:00 PM (livestream). Mark your calendars, this promises to be quite an event!

In addition, the church staff and I are already putting a lot of time and energy envisioning Advent 2020. Wow, I'm a little tired just writing this update! The work of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the building up of Christ's Church does not stop! In fact, it hasn't even slowed down. Please know that while we are *apart*, we are not *alone*!

Blessings,

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



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Participants should order a Study Manual now. They are published by Abingdon Press and available at [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com). (When ordering Disciple: Remember Who You Are it is the Disciple course with a purple cover!). All are welcome, come join us!

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Date: Friday, 11:00, weekly, September 4 – November 13 (11 weeks), Where: Zoom <https://zoom.us/join> (meeting ID:6243348408) Please email Hung Su for any questions, [hslim@trinityumc.net](mailto:hslim@trinityumc.net)

### Mere Christianity: 3M Study Group

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### Study 1 & 2 Kings with the McClure Bible Study Class

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### Fierce: A Fall Study for Women

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### Sunday Evening Small Group

When: Sunday Evenings, 5 PM - 5:30 PM (June 9th, the first gathering)

Where: Zoom <https://zoom.us/join> (meeting ID: 6243348408, email Hung Su Lim for password: [hslim@trinity.net](mailto:hslim@trinity.net))

We want to invite you to join a small group gathering via zoom. In this time of social distancing, we'll gather to share life and have a meaningful conversation based on the message proclaimed on Sunday mornings. We will share scripture, prayer, and discussion questions.

## Serve

Trinity offers many opportunities to serve our neighbors. Participate in weekly food drives on Fridays. Help make masks or prayer squares. Give to the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Find your way to serve online: [trinityumc.net/news/an-opportunity-to-help](https://trinityumc.net/news/an-opportunity-to-help)

## Prayer

### [Tuesday Evening Prayer Service](#)

Trinity's Thursday Evening Prayer service is livestreamed each **Tuesday evening at 7 PM**. This contemplative service will include music, prayers, readings, and a brief reflection intended to draw us closer together as a church and help us find peace and solidarity in this season of social distancing.

### [Prayer Meetings:](#)

We want to invite you to join the morning prayer meeting from Monday through Friday at 7:00 AM via ZOOM (a video/phone conference).

You can join this from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/6243348408>.

## Kids

This fall Trinity Kids will be offering **KIDS CHURCH ONLINE**. This pre-recorded video will give families the flexibility to have church time whenever it best suits their family! The video will "go live" each Sunday at 8am and will include worship songs, bible story, Grow TV, prayer, and more! A parent guide will be provided each week that will include discussion questions, an application activity, and a memory verse activity.

We will also have a weekly Zoom call on Sundays. Time and link to join will be shared through the Trinity Kids weekly email and Facebook group.

## Students

Monday: 5:00 PM ALL age Zoom hang.

Tuesday: 3:00 PM study on Jesus and nonviolence

Wednesday: 7:30 PM Jam session with Aaron and Bryce. Join us in making music!

Thursday: Middle School Zoom at 4:00 PM and our White Fragility Read through at 8:00 PM.

## Music

Join Aaron, Bryce, and the adult and student praise bands for Wednesday Night Jam Sessions. We will gather to play music together via Zoom **Wednesdays at 7:30 PM**. Interested? Contact Aaron Miller or visit [trinityumc.net/news/praise-and-worship-jam](https://trinityumc.net/news/praise-and-worship-jam)

Choir has online rehearsal **Wednesdays at 7:30 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.

## Resuming Small Group Gatherings

Trinity's Healthy Church Team is opening up several spaces for small gatherings. In order to meet, groups must apply at least two weeks prior to their requested meeting date. Participation in any on-site gatherings will require completed health acknowledgement forms and adherence to the new safety policies. These policies are based on local and state health guidelines as well as the requirements of the Technical Assistance manual for local churches from the Virginia Annual Conference.

Please review both the "Gathering FAQs" and the Event Leader Responsibilities", (located on our website at [trinityumc.net/gather/](http://trinityumc.net/gather/)), prior to applying for a gathering.

If you have any questions, contact the church office.



### Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered once a month starting in September. We will be doing communion on **Sunday, September 13** (and then on the first Sunday of each month) we will have communion as part of our regular livestream service.

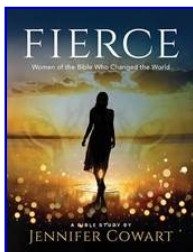
We will be using an approved prepackaged communion elements. The sacrament will be celebrated by the pastor during the livestream worship service. At the conclusion of the service, livestream worshippers will be invited to receive via a drive-through process. This will not be unlike our drive-through ash imposition on Ash Wednesday.

For more information and a video on how this process will work go to [trinityumc.net/communion/](http://trinityumc.net/communion/)

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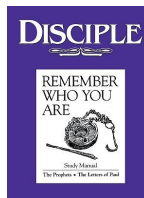
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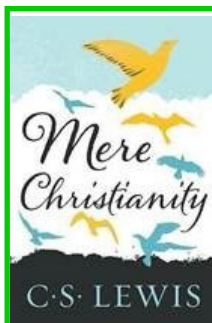


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What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?



Regardless of what your schooling situation looks like this year, school will probably look a bit different than last year. Kids (and parents) may be experiencing a wide range of emotions: excitement, sadness, frustration, etc.

Trinity is here for our students and praying for you as you begin your school year!

Trinity Kids wants to encourage families to start each day with prayer before kids begin their school day (online or in-person). We are sending each child their own Back To School Prayer Journal to use at their own pace as they begin their school year! If your child has received mail from Trinity Kids in the past few months, expect to receive a journal in the mail as we approach the beginning of the school year!

Contact Jen Williams ([jwilliams@trinityumc.net](mailto:jwilliams@trinityumc.net)) if you would like any journals to send to grandkids or other family members (this could be a great way to support the kids in your lives remotely as they start back to school!)

Here are some examples of what is in the prayer journal:

## WHAT IS PRAYER?

### What is prayer?

Prayer is simply our way to talk to God. Think of it like a conversation you have with a friend. You share what you're thinking about, and then you listen so you can hear what your friend has to say too.

Prayer is how we connect with God to tell Him we love Him, share about our thoughts and feelings, and ask God for help. And the coolest part? We can pray anytime, anywhere!

### How do I pray?

Not sure how to start or what to talk about? Use the ideas throughout this prayer guide to help you, and just remember to P-R-A-Y!

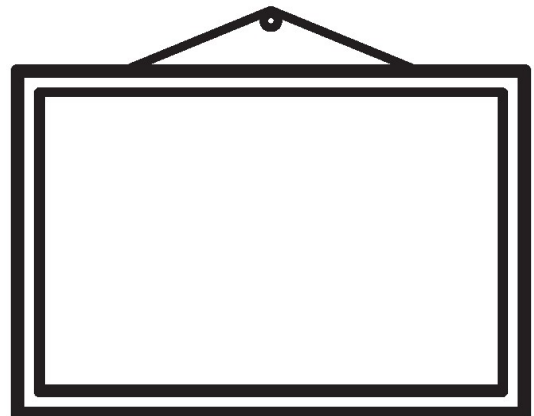
- P - Praise. Praise God for who He is and what He's done.
- R - Repent. Tell God you're sorry for the things you've done wrong, and ask Him to help you make things right.
- A - Ask. Ask God for what you want for others and for yourself. Just remember that sometimes God answers our Ask prayers with "yes," sometimes with "no," and sometimes with "not right now."
- Y - Yield. Yield means to let someone else take the lead. Ask God to help you yield to His plans for your life, and listen for anything God may want to tell you.

This prayer journal will help you prepare for the school year ahead by giving you different ways to talk to God in prayer. Each day includes a journal page to write down your prayer plus a prayer activity to complete by yourself or with your family.

[www.deepertokids.com](http://www.deepertokids.com)

## FAMILY PORTRAIT PRAYER

Draw a picture of your family in the space below. As you draw each person, pray for them. Once you're done, show your drawing to your family, telling each person what you love about them and what you prayed for them.



My family

[www.deepertokids.com](http://www.deepertokids.com)



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood  
Services**

### **Blood Drive**

Because of COVID-19, over 6,000 blood drives have been cancelled nationwide, adding up to 200,000+ units of blood lost. The Red Cross needs your help now more than ever so that cancer patients, trauma patients, premature babies and their families etc. receive the blood that they need. Trinity invites you to help save a life by donating blood on **Thursday, September 10 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, in Trinity Hall. To sign up for an appointment go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and type in *trinityumc* as the keyword.

Trinity is also looking for people who would be interested in volunteering to work the registration desk, if you are interested please contact the church office at 288-6056.

### **2020 Lenten Easter Mission Offering**

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Lenten Easter Mission Offering for 2020. Your kind hearts put our total at \$26, 495.74. With that funding Bob Argabright, Carmen Sheppard, Betsy Estes, Virginia Rhines, and Lee Stocks were able to help five local organizations and three international nonprofits. Your generosity will make a difference in a person's life.

### **Sherbourne Food Pantry**

Since the onset of COVID-19, we have initiated your help in supporting local nonprofits in Richmond. Food, no matter where a person lives across the metropolitan area is in constant demand for families. When the Sherbourne UMC Food Pantry reopened, the need was immediate and urgent.

Trinity member, Karen Adams, works behind the scenes with Sherbourne leadership to insure that the distribution is meeting the needs of the community they serve.

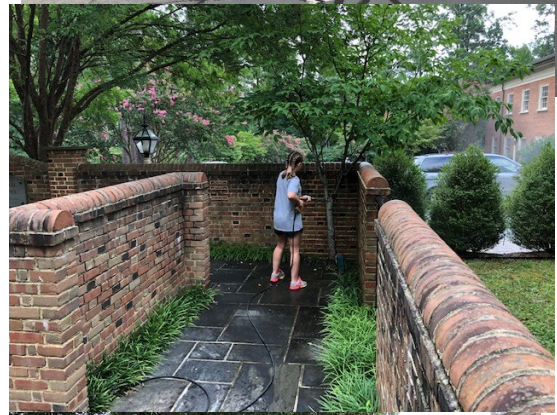
On a recent Tuesday morning, when we made our weekly delivery, a Sherbourne volunteer said to me: "Your congregation is very generous." I quietly thanked him for his kind words.

Again, the generosity of your hearts is having an impact in the Sherbourne community. The Sherbourne leadership appreciates your consistency in donating, but more importantly so do their clients.



### **Yard Work Is Good For Your Soul**

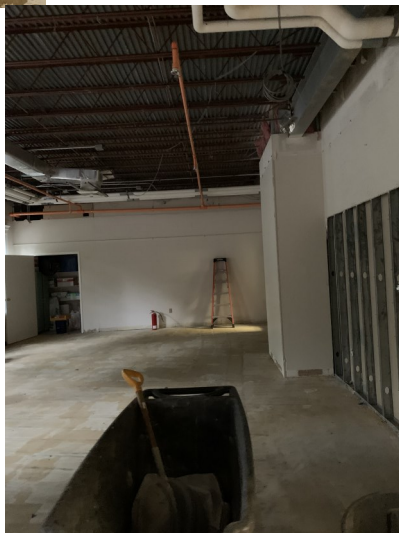
A special thanks to Paul Brooks, Bill and Jamie Eubanks, Betsy Pike, Nell Smith, Callie Stuart, and Mary Holland and Amelia Thompson for showing up to work on the Trinity grounds on Saturday, August 8. Despite high humidity and warm temperatures, this group made numerous improvements with their weeding, mulch spreading, power washing, and weed eating. And a special thanks to Mike Hildebrand for mulch.



## Mastin Room Update

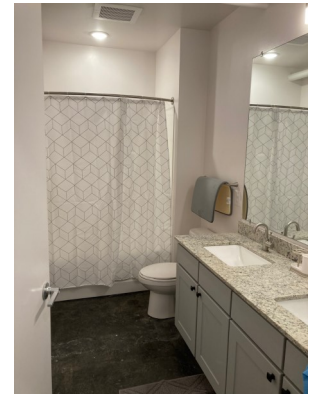
Progress on the Mastin Room renovation is on schedule. All demolition has been completed. Subcontractors have been in the room completing initial steps related to electrical, plumbing, and HVAC. Structural work related to walls, windows, and the ceiling is also taking place. Now, youth leader, Bryce Miller and the Trustees will begin the process of selecting finishes for assorted parts of the project.

We appreciate the congregation's support of what will be a significant improvement for our youth.



## Circles 1 & 10 Join Forces to Help CARITAS

During the lockdown for the Pandemic Pat Rollison and Bill Pike received notification that the construction of the apartments that would house CARITAS guests was going forward as planned, and Tiffany Terry asked them if they could facilitate a shower to provide needed items for the apartment. There were over fifty items on the list. Most were on the Amazon site that enabled those purchasing to send them directly to the site. When they were purchased, they were automatically removed from the Amazon list. Pat contacted Sharon Wenger, leader of Circle 10. She contacted her members and they decided to mail their checks to Pat who purchased the items for them. Most Circle 1 members ordered directly from the Amazon site. As funds became available items were purchased and, by June, all items had been sent. In August Betsy Pike and Linda Latimer went down to our apartment to help set it up for the new guests. Pictures from their efforts can be seen below. We are proud of the cooperation between the circles with help from another friend, Betsy Adkins, and we are so happy for the homeless who will no longer have to be shuttled from church to church to have a safe place to sleep and eat.



## Joys and Concerns

### Wedding

*Congratulations to the following couple who was recently married:  
Clay Coddington and Jay Bechtel who were married on August 7*

### Our sympathies to...

*The family of Doris Glisson who died August 19  
Paul Brooks whose Uncle died  
Grant Antaramian whose cousin Armen Mirakian died August 13*

## Gifts Given to Trinity

Gifts received for the **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**  
In memory of:  
**Mildred Clegg**  
**George Habel**  
**Mildred Hastings**

Gifts received for the **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**  
In memory of:  
**Stanley Scher**

Gifts received for the **Trinity Foundation Dillard Forum**  
In memory of:  
**Marion Dillard**

## Thank You Notes

To my Trinity UMC family –

I want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits, and altar flowers during my recent health scare. Being part of such a loving church family made it less difficult during a scary time. I also want to thank the Trinity Stitches for the beautiful lap quilts for my mother and I; you all are the best!

Blessings & love,  
**Pam Overstreet**

## Scout Troop 799

Trinity's Scout Troop 799 is gearing up to welcome back existing Scouts as well as those boys from ages 11 to 18; 10-year-olds can join if they have completed fifth grade or if they have earned the Arrow of Light award in Webelos. If you would like information send Scoutmaster, Graham McInnes an email at [scoutmaster@troop799.org](mailto:scoutmaster@troop799.org)



## 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	8/2	8/9	8/16	8/23
Worship Service	436	420	442	400
Sunday School				

## Gifts as of July 31:

Projected income to date: \$ 111,380  
Actual income year to date: \$ 132,688  
Excess (-shortfall) \$ 21,308

## **NewsLetter DEADLINE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, September 21 at 4 PM for events taking place in October.** 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).