

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner



The old adage says, “God gave us two ears and one mouth and there is a reason for that.” That message is timely. In our world there is a lot of shouting. There is a lot of talking *at* each other but precious little talking *to* each other. Or, to put it another way, if we continually pray for God to bring us together and to give us unity then we also must be willing to do our part, to do the hard work. I believe that in these times that involves the willingness to listen and to learn.

A while back, I'm guessing a couple of years ago, I had the privilege of hearing the Rev. Benjamin Campbell at a UMW General Meeting here at Trinity. He was speaking about his latest book, *Richmond's Unhealed History*. The unhealed history is the history of race dating colonial Virginia to modern Richmond. I was, of course, familiar with Ben Campbell and his work through Richmond Hill and Micah but it was the first time I heard him in person. I left with three “take-aways,” three impressions: The first was how little I knew. Coming into that presentation I literally “did not know what I did not know.” The second was how gentle yet compelling Ben was in his presentation. Race can be such a hot button topic, but his was a calming voice. The third was that, despite the impressive attendance at that meeting, I wished he had a wider audience.

Hosting Ben Campbell as our 2020 Dillard Forum speaker, October 11-13 is our contribution to the racial healing of Richmond. Part history lesson, part hope for the future, I believe that we do our part with our willingness to listen and to learn. If we truly do want to come together and be united then surely the first step to is try to understand our neighbor, even if we may not agree with our neighbor. That's how conversations begin. In 2020 that is no small thing. It's easy. All you have to do is go to the Church website, trinityumc.net and log on for the livestream Dillard Forum (just like we do for worship). Church, let's do our part.

Blessings,

P.S. I also would like say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in my “carding” for my 60th birthday. I was truly overwhelmed with over a hundred cards. I very much feel your love and support (although some of you have a *wicked* sense of humor! I enjoyed it very much!). Thanks again and please know that the love is absolutely mutual. -LL



Online Meetings & Events (trinityumc.net/news/events-at-trinity)



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STAY CONNECTED

weekly opportunities
to study, pray, serve,
and more

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Small Groups

Disciple: Remember Who You Are

On Tuesdays at 7:00 AM and Wednesdays at 1:30 PM. Pastor Larry will teach Disciple: Remember Who You Are. This 32-week course focuses on the Old Testament Prophets and the Letters of Paul. We will, of course, meet via Zoom. All persons interested should register via Kim Tingler at the church office (ktingler@trinityumc.net).

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

Hebrew Bible 101: An Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Have you struggled to understand the Old Testament? The Old Testament can often be confusing, hard to understand, and uninteresting. This class will seek to introduce a basic understanding of the literature, history, social setting, and theology of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament that may help you understand the Old Testament as a spiritual foundation and a resource for the life of the church. I want to invite you to join this class this fall.

Led by Rev. Hung Su Lim. On Fridays at 11:00 AM and Sundays at 5:45 PM weekly. Where: Zoom <https://zoom.us/join> (meeting ID:6243348408) Please email Hung Su for any questions, hslim@trinityumc.net

Mere Christianity: 3M Study Group

Our 3M Wednesday Night Study Group will study C S Lewis' classic "Mere Christianity" on Wednesdays at 6 PM via Zoom. This study will last for 8 weeks. Contact Judy Oguich to register and to get the Zoom link. Sessions run 6 – 7:30 PM.

Study 1 & 2 Kings with the McClure Bible Study Class

Starting October 4 the McClure Bible Study Class will be studying the books of Kings. Class will be each Sunday at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to join us via Zoom. Contact Lou Cei at ceilb2@aol.com to be provided the Zoom link.

Fierce: A Fall Study for Women

Join Deanna McCullough and friends this fall to study "Fierce" by Jennifer Cowart. "Fierce" focuses on lesser-known women of the Bible (both Old and New Testament characters) who were fierce in their courage and determination, and who often changed the course of history by their decisions and actions while following God's calling. Class will be held via zoom on Mondays at 9:30 AM. Contact Deanna at deannamccullough1@verizon.net to register.

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

Prayer

[Tuesday Evening Prayer Service](#)

Trinity's 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

Choir has online rehearsal **Wednesdays at 7:00 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/), prior to applying for a gathering.

If you have any questions, contact the church office.



Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered monthly. The first Sunday of each month, we will have communion as part of our regular livestream service. This month will be **October 4**.

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/



**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 **Wednesday, November 18 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, in Trinity Hall. To sign up for an appointment go to redcrossblood.org and type in trinityumc as the keyword.



Dillard Forum

Trinity's Dillard forum this year will be **October 11-13**, featuring Dr. Ben Campbell. The Rev. Benjamin P. Campbell is an Episcopal priest and a Pastoral Associate at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. For 28 years he served as Pastoral Director of Richmond Hill, an ecumenical Christian residential community on Church Hill. He is the author of *Richmond's Unhealed History*, a study of the history of Richmond since before the European settlement.

Dr. Campbell will do the sermon on **Sunday, October 11** at 11:00 AM, his sermon will be "The Servant of God" based on Isaiah 42:1-4 and Psalm 72.

Session 1: Sunday, October 11, 7:00 PM – Virginia Original Sin.

Session 2: Monday, October 12, 7:00 PM – Season of Shallow Repentance.

Session 3: Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 PM – The Steep Climb of Racial Reconciliation.

The Dillard Forum will take place online via livestream, there will be no in-person element this year. For more information go to Trinityumc.net/dillard-forum



Yardwork is good for our souls, Part II

On **Saturday, October 10**, from **8:30 AM to 12 noon** come out and do some grounds work at Trinity. I promise you it will be good

for our souls.

We need your help with the following items: weeding, spreading mulch, weed eating, shrub trimming, limb trimming, and power washing.

The church will provide the mulch and a cold bottle of water.

You will need to bring your own tools, gloves, hats, and sunscreen.

Wheelbarrows, weed eaters, power washers, and assorted hand tools will be helpful.

Any questions please contact Bill Pike: bpike@trinityumc.net

McClure Bible Study Class

Starting **October 4** the McClure Bible Study Class will be studying the books of Kings. Class will be each Sunday at **9:30 AM**. All are welcome to join us via Zoom. Contact Lou Cei at ceilb2@aol.com to be provided the Zoom link.

Healthy Church Team Report

Trinity's Healthy Church Team (the group mandated by the Conference to review and implement the Annual Conference COVID Response policies) met again on September 23. Our goal is to provide as many opportunities to be the church as possible while adhering to our values of **doing no harm**. We want to open, but in ways that protect the congregation as well as the community. Pandemic fatigue is a reality we are all experiencing. Nevertheless, our faith as a church is stronger and we will be steadfast and faithful as long as necessary. We hear Medical experts tell us to prepare for a difficult fall and winter with a slow opening once a vaccine becomes widely available. Here is an update on what is (and is not) happening at Trinity.

Sunday School classes and **small groups** are meeting! Some meet virtually, but a number are meeting both in-person and virtually. Some are meeting at the church, others are meeting in member's yards. Groups are using great creativity in their planning. Any group meeting that desires to meet at the church can simply contact the church office and/or Bill Pike.

Kid Ministries is going full steam! Jen Williams is providing Kids Church Online videos for parents each week, and Jen has a Zoom call with the kids each week. Jen has submitted several ideas for in-person (with social distancing) Kids and Family events and has the blessing of the HCT to proceed. Stay tuned, you should be hearing about this in the weeks ahead.

Student Ministry in person groups are projected to begin in the first full week of October.

Worship continues via livestream. The feedback we have received from the congregation continues to be overwhelmingly positive. **Communion** has resumed, with over 100 who communed on September 13. About a dozen members of the Faithworks class were meeting on the church grounds. As an experiment, and abiding by the conference protocols, they were invited to attend. Baptisms are taking place as well on church grounds.

Our higher priority is not undermining the quality of livestream worship, the primary means of reaching most of our church family. We are exploring outdoor worship events. The greatest obstacles to a quality in-person worship is the prohibition of live singing and the requirement of mask wearing even for the preacher. Anecdotal feedback from other churches indicate that these restrictions are significant and that attendance at such services tend to be low. Nevertheless, this continues to be a dynamic set of circumstances that we monitor and we are open to change.

Our **Preschool** is open with restrictions and under the guidelines of VDSS.

Community outreach continues unabated with collections of food, school supplies and shoes. Our members continue to work with mission partners (with social distancing, of course) and we continue to financially support partners such as Friends of Barnabas, UMFS, the Mattaponi Health Clinic, and Blood Drives. Our 12 Step Groups are meeting.

Things are not where we'd hoped they would be. In many ways we are all frustrated, and yet, the church is strong. Trinity offers opportunities almost every day of the week. We will reopen. When we do, we want to be found faithful for the measures we took and did not take in this extraordinary time.

Trinity's Healthy Church Team

Corey Booker
Jim Crowder
Alice Hirata, M.D.
Larry Lenow
Hung Su Lim
Mike McCullough
Bill Pike



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

There are three components to our weekly kids ministry experience this fall!

1. **Kids Church Online Video:** To give families more flexibility, we are releasing a 20-30 minute Kids Church video each week! Each video is available to watch on Sunday morning at 8am (but will also be available for families to watch anytime during the week). The video includes worship songs, games, bible story, Big Idea, Grow TV video with Carll and Kassie, and other components, similar to what we do at Kids Church when we are together in person.

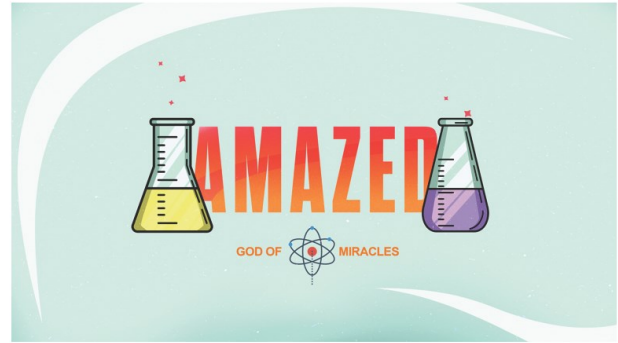
2. **Parent Guide:** Each week there is a guide for parents to use after their kids watch the weekly video. The guide has three activities for families to do together: discussion, activity/craft (any materials needed would be ones you likely have at home), and memory verse activity.

3. **Kids Ministry Zoom Call:** There is a Zoom call on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. This gives kids the opportunity to stay connected to their church family during this time of social distancing.

Parents receive an email each Sunday morning at 8am with all of the links to access the Kids Church Online video, Parent Guide, and Zoom Call.



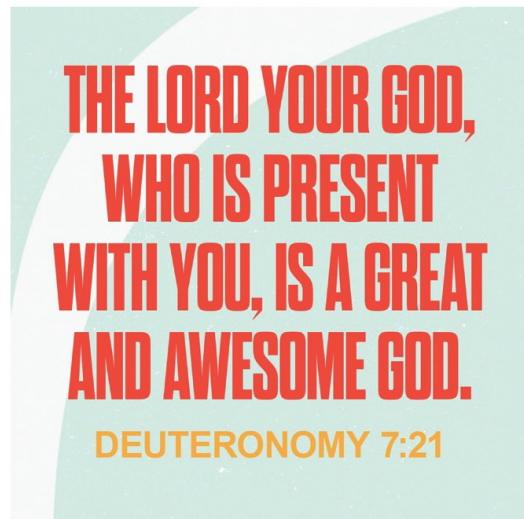
Look for more information on this year's pageant later this month!!



What will kids be learning in October?

This month, we are going through the major events in the life of prophet Elijah, all of which are nothing short of amazing! Elijah's ministry took place during turbulent times for God's people – so much so that Elijah felt utterly alone at times. Sometimes he was literally alone. But God's presence and power with Elijah throughout those times is undeniable. Through these stories, kids will discover how amazing it is that God takes care of us, God knows what's best for us, God speaks to us, and in all, God does SO MANY amazing things!

This is our bible memory verse for October!



Kids – memorize this verse, record and send to Jen, and she will send you a prize in the mail!!

Welcome New Members!

A pandemic certainly changes things that we usually do. The ways of celebration look different this year. However, it is always a joy and a blessing to welcome new members. Trinity joyfully welcomes four-family units that consist of seven transferring members and four children in the English congregation and fifteen family units that consist of twenty-four transferring members and thirty-five children in the Swahili/French congregation. In sum, we have received thirty-one new members with thirty-nine children.

Since August, we had Discovering Trinity, which is a four-week new membership class. We have talked about God, humanity, faith community, and life. It was such a blessing to share our faith together and how God has impacted our lives. We truly learned that when we do that in the name of our Lord, we reaffirm our beliefs through the Christian fellowship and acknowledge that we are all part of the one body of Christ. Technically, we had to have two different classes because of the language difference. One of Trinity's members, Vianney Kayimbula, translated the whole conversation for the Swahili/French session. We especially thank him for his help with that.

As we praise and give thanks to God for the new members, I commend these persons to your love and care. Let us do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

English Congregation:

Joyce Winters, Sara and Thomas Hall (children: Julia and Martha), Alison and Daniel Keefe (child: Declan), Aaron and Brandy Miller (Child: Zadie)

Swahili/French Congregation:

Rugoheza Kahihimo and Machozi Adeline (child: Helena Rugoheza)

Nadeje Kamwanya and Habimbi Heritie Habulo (child: Nkulu Habulo)

Ngoie Jonathan Kamwanya and Alice Eliza Mukuma

Henry Kambilo and Marie Niyingeneye (children: Guylain Abel Kambilo and Ariel Kambilo, Archange Kambilo, Alexandrine Kambilo, Ashlay Kambilo)

Moza Bwami and Christine Moza (child: Furana Kazadi)

Rona Veronique (children: Bela Khadiga, Marie Khadiga, Francois Khadiga, Rene Khadig, Vanessa Khadiga)

Abedi Shishi and Neema Ngeoya (children: Abedi Shishi, Matthew Shishi, Remi Shishi, Madelene Washishi, Benjamin Shishi, Mariane Abedi, Sela Abedi)

Dhabiti Olangabo and Leontine Mawazo Mwenebato (children: Anastasia Mwatumu, Razidi Dhabiti, Grace Zabiti, Fabien Dhabiti, Mwenebato Dhabiti)

Kizenge Milandu (children: Ighacio Sentime, Jeanson Sentime, Brian Bampande)

Sandra Kaja and Bitota Kayembe (children: Mbuyi Ortehin Kayembe, Divine Kayembe, Suzane Kayembe, Israel Kongi)

Yannick Kambilo (child: Junior Yannick)

Olive Kambilo and Byamungu Kevin (child: Emmanuel Lunanga)

Jeanpierre Kambilo and Dorothy Arineitwe

Robert Fiana and Godwin Yumba

Please watch our celebration of the reception of new members at Trinity Vimeo channel (<https://vimeo.com/458977584>).

If you wish to become a member of Trinity UMC, please join Discovery Trinity Class in November and let Pastor Hung Su Lim know (hslim@trinityumc.net). The details will be announced soon.



Trinity Foundation Shines at 49

Happy Birthday to the Trinity Foundation! For 49 years it has been funding important initiatives in the church and the community. Formed to meet needs outside of the church operating budget, the Foundation was incorporated Oct. 28, 1971, as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Members on the initial Board of Directors may be known to long-term Trinity members; they include:

- James Wesley Turner
- William Earle White, Jr.
- Richard A. Johnson
- William B. Graham
- Robert J. Lechner
- Mac B. Buhrman

Vital, Vibrant and Visionary

There are a number of funds that make up the Foundation's assets, which have grown to total more than \$3 million as of June 30, 2020. Some funds are designated for specific purposes, while others are for general use. For example, the Foundation recently granted \$126,000 in two separate gifts toward the Student Center and renovations project, which should be complete by the end of October. This grant used funds earmarked for property and maintenance needs of the church from the Evelyn Stacy Property Fund, as well as other funds, including the Kathleen Garrison Galaspie Memorial Fund and the Ralph C. Roop Fund.

The Trinity Foundation also recently made the following grants:

- \$5,000 to support Friends of Barnabas mountain medical missions in Honduras. This comes from an Anonymous fund dedicated to missions.
- \$4,930 to support Aaron Miller's studies through Wesleyan Divinity School comes from The Garth and Julie Griffith Mission Scholarship fund. Aaron is the Modern Worship Leader at Trinity.
- \$5,000 to support the Capital Campaign for much-needed infrastructure work at Pace United Methodist Student Center at Virginia Commonwealth University. This support comes from the Suhor Graham Fund for local missions.

The Foundation also plans to match up to \$5,000 in donations for the coming 2020 Advent Offering for United Methodist Family Services. This will be the second year for the Foundation's match, based on the success of last year when it helped the church raise nearly \$28,000 for that cause.

The Foundation accepts gifts of cash, securities and personal property. Gifts may be made on a current, deferred, or life income basis. Your financial advisor can help you decide which method is best for you. Learn more about [The Trinity Foundation](#). If you're interested in discussing a specific mission or need, call Trinity Foundation President Brian Ford at 804-347-4699. Consider putting your gifts to work today!

An Update from the Trustees

On Monday, September 14, the Trustees held their first meeting of the year via Zoom. We welcome to the Trustees this year: Rebecca Barricklow, Bill Burch, Jason Coats, Mike Estes, and Linda Robinson. Continuing their terms on the Trustees are: Jim Crowder, Hellen Culley, Susie Hildebrand, Tom Kellam, Catherine McSorley, Pat Satterfield, and Kevin Mottley, attorney for the Trustees.

For 2020-21, the Trustees elected Jason Coats as chair, Catherine McSorley vice-chair, and Pat Satterfield, recorder. The Trustees would like to thank David Glassman for his leadership as the chair during 2019-20.

The Trustees generally meet the first Monday of each month at 5:30. At this time, meetings will continue via Zoom.

The Trustees are carefully monitoring the progress of the work for the Youth Center. Additionally, the Trustees with the guidance of Trinity member, Nell Smith, former Trustee John Cardwell, and current Trustee, Catherine McSorley, are in the final stages of reviewing interior signage proofs. We hope this project will be completed this fall.

As always, the Trustees are appreciative of the support received from the congregation.



Pumpkin Patch

As most of you know, the youth do a fundraiser every year for their summer mission experiences that helps the cost of these trips to be more reasonable for everyone. Unfortunately, this year they **will not** be hosting the pumpkin patch.

Through many discussions with leaders at the church, the healthy church team, and the pumpkin patch operators that we partner with, we have made the decision that we feel is in the best interest of everyone's health.

We do not see how we would be able to host a pumpkin patch for our community without exposing those of you who work the patch, and those who are visiting the pumpkin patch. The youth are deeply upset that they are not able to provide this staple event for our neighbors.

Joys and Concerns

New Members

For a list of all our new members see article on page 6

Our sympathies to...

The family of Mildred Schelin who died September 21
 Judy Oguich whose brother Randy Clegg died September 12
 The family of George Tidey who died September 11
 The family of Myron Reinhart who died September 3
 Corey Booker whose grandfather John Simpson, Jr., died
 August 30

Gifts Given to Trinity

Gifts received for the **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**
 In memory of:
Doris Glisson

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

Thank You Notes

Trinity United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the monetary donation and all of donations of medical supplies. The support the church gives the Mataponi Healing Eagle Clinic is amazing!
 Thank you!
Diane Garrison

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	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27
Worship Service	264	386	306	346
Sunday School				

Gifts as of August 31:

Projected income to date: \$ 216,655
 Actual income year to date: \$ 225,620
 Excess (-shortfall) \$ 8,965



Scout Troop 799

Trinity's, Scout BSA Troop 799 is beginning it's 43rd year of Building Character, Citizenship, Personal Fitness &

Leadership. If you know of interested boys at least 11 years of age, contact Scoutmaster Graham McInnes at scoutmaster@troop799.org or Scout Leader Dennis King at dennis.king1@gmail.com for more information and to plan a visit to a Monday night Scout Meeting. Adults interested in helping the troop in a variety of committee positions are also needed. These positions do not require you attend our regular Scout meetings or go on camping and other organized trips unless you want to. Send us an email to learn more.

Conserve and Create Workday

The friends of Bellemeade Park will be hosting a Conserve and Create workday in Bellemeade Park on **October 17** from **9:00 AM to 12 Noon**. We will target removal of invasive plants, pruning, mulching, other gardening activities and general cleanup near the Bellemeade Community Center (adjacent to Oak Grove/Bellemeade Elementary school). Bellemeade Park is located at 1800 Krouse Street, Richmond 23224.

Please bring: water, work gloves, clothing appropriate for this activity, snack and a mask.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the event will be limited to 50 participants practicing social distancing.



NewsLetter DEADLINE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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