

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

*“Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

Those of us of a certain age will remember the prayer of confession in the old communion liturgy found in the 1968 Methodist Hymnal. I grew up with that hymnal, that liturgy and that prayer. (Actually, it was written by Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer for his adaptation of the mass in his Book of Common Prayer during the reign of Elizabeth I, but I digress...) It is a good prayer. And I always think of it as we enter our season of Lent.

Lent is a season of forty days (not counting Sundays which are considered “little Easters”) starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. Lent (from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, meaning “spring”) is a penitential season but it is also *more* than a penitential season. It is also a season of preparation, of preparing to celebrate Easter. It is penitential in that we all need to have a time to reflect on what we done wrong, either by what we have done or by what we have failed to do. We need examination, confession, and repentance. But repentance is an *action verb*. It doesn't just mean regret; it also means change. We prepare by asking ourselves how to live better, how to live more fully, how to live more faithfully. Hence, Lent has both negative (what are you giving up this year?) but also positive (what will you do this year?) aspects. Lent has never been my favorite time of year, but it is arguably my most important time of year. How about you?

I wish for you a holy Lent.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 28 we will be worshipping online at 11:00 AM.

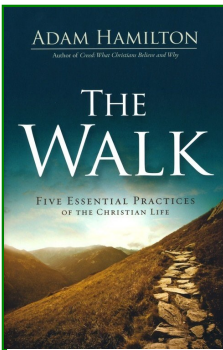
Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 PM
Maundy Thursday Service online.

Good Friday, April 2 at 7:00 PM
Good Friday Service of Tenebrae online.

Easter Worship Service, April 4
Traditional at 9 AM
Modern worship at 11 AM
We will be worshipping together online, Christ is Risen!



HOLY WEEK



Lenten Study: The Walk

Over the last year our lives and our world have been turned upside down. So many things have changed. So many things will continue to change. Have we learned anything? Do we know what is truly important? Have we grown in our faith? Can you think of a better time to ask yourself such questions?

Our pastors have announced a church-wide Lenten Study. This will involve a sermon series, group study and/or individual study. The resource we are using is Adam Hamilton's book, **The Walk, Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life**. The sermons will use this book as a resource. That is to say, the sermon's will not be about the book, but will reference it and will assume most of the congregation is reading it.

Bible Study for Lent

In Lent, Trinity will have a church-wide Bible study with a book, **"The Walk,"** written by Adam Hamilton. It is about five essential practices of the Christian life rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. As we explore each practice, we may deepen our walk with Christ and pursue them daily in our personal and community life.

If you haven't been part of any small group and are interested in studying this book with others, join this Bible study. Hung Su offers this Bible study twice a week during Lent through Zoom, Friday mornings and Sunday afternoons. If you have any questions, let Hung Su know. You can reach out to him at hslim@trinityumc.net.

Dates: Now until March 28 (6 weeks)
Morning group: Fridays, 11 AM.
Afternoon group: Sundays, 5:45 PM.
Zoom Link <https://zoom.us/join> (meeting ID:6243348408)

Lenten Easter Mission Offering: The God of Hope

Perhaps you have seen the movie **1917**. Set in World War I, a scene near the end of the acclaimed film caught my attention. Colonel Mackenzie makes the following comment: "I hoped today might be a good day. Hope is a dangerous thing." Even though hope is one of my favorite words in our language, I never thought of hope as being dangerous. Perhaps, if hope fails, I can understand the let down or disappointment. But even when everything is going wrong, I will hold on to hope.

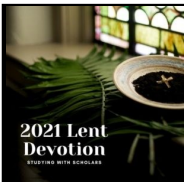
Every year people in our community, state, country, and around the world hold out hope. These people are hopeful that our congregation will continue to financially support the annual Lenten Easter Mission Offering (LEMO).

Romans 15:13 references our God as a God of hope: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Our Lenten Easter Mission Offering (LEMO) offers many opportunities to all kinds of people in need of help. In recent years, your generosity has raised over \$170,000 for community outreach at the local, state, national, and international levels. During that time, nearly 60 organizations have benefitted from your kind hearts with children, youth, and adults experiencing the impact of your financial gifts. Take the scripture from Romans to heart by supporting LEMO. When we trust our God, he gives us hope. The people who will be impacted by your financial generosity are hoping to be touched by the hope you will give them. They too want to experience the same trust and grace that God willingly provides to us each day.

Any questions, please reach out to: Bob Argabright, Carmen Sheppard, Betsy Estes, Lee Stocks, Virginia Rhines, or Bill Pike.

The God of Hope and his people in need are counting on us.



2021 Lenten Devotional

Lent is a season of 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter. It's a time when Christians take time to grow in faith, pay more attention to God, and get ourselves ready to tell the sacred story of the death and resurrection of Jesus. In order to help us reflect on the story of Jesus in a new way this Lent, we are offering a different kind of Lenten devotional. Throughout the season of Lent (now and going through April 4), we will send you reflections written by a pastor or Christian scholar including Trinity's own Pastor Hung Su as well as Rev. Dr. Joe Lenow (Pastor Larry's son).

The theme this year is "Images of Jesus in the Old Testament." Each devotional will highlight a place in the Old Testament that serves as a "teaser" for Jesus. Each entry will focus on a story or image from the Old Testament. Stories like God protecting his faithful servants in the fiery furnace or providing manna in the desert; images like the suffering servant from Isaiah or the Paschal Lamb from the Exodus. These devotionals are being shared at churches across Virginia and beyond. The Devotional began on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) and then will be sent on Mondays and Fridays during Lent. There will be a post each day of Holy Week as well.

If you're interested in receiving these devotionals you can sign up to receive them by TEXT or by EMAIL on our website: <https://www.trinityumc.net/lent/#devo>

Share the Love Drive-Thru March 14 3 - 4 PM

Trinity invites you to “Share the Love” at a drive-thru event on March 14. The season of Lent calls us to a time of self-examination and repentance as we remember what God has done for us, who we are, and what we are called to do. *Share the Love* will reflect the willingness of our hearts to share the message of Love - **God’s Love**.

This creative and contactless way of engagement will be a time of fellowship and joy in response to the many missed personal experiences resulting from the pandemic. The format of the *Share the Love* event is similar to drive-up communion. Cars should enter through Rock Creek Rd entrance and exit via Stuart Hall Rd. There will be stations along the drive near the Welcome Center:

- Get:** Bunch of love goodie bags (Station 1)
- Give:** Canned goods drop off (Station 2)
- Give/Get:** Share the Love Cards* (Station 3)
- Get:** Blessing by the pastors (Station 4)

*Share The Love Card:

Each family is encouraged to write one generic note to another Trinity individual/couple/family. Bring the note with you to drop off and we will give to the family behind you in line.

Writing prompt: Describe a way you have shared Love with others and/or how others have shared Love with you and your family through the pandemic. Feel free to add a prayer request or share an inspirational Bible verse or quote that has helped you through the past year. Sign the card with the names of those in your family/household. Include contact information if you would like the opportunity to receive communication from the recipient. If you are a family with children, we would love for kids to draw/color a picture to include with the family note.

As you give your note to another family, you in turn will receive the note left from the car before you.

We are looking forward to **sharing the love** with our Trinity family! We hope to see you there!

Samson Project

Trinity you did it!! Together we raised \$21,195 to help feed our hungry neighbors. Thank you to all who donated to the Samson Project. Pastor Larry has kept his part of the deal and his hair has been cut.



Arise, Shine

“Arise, Shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” Isaiah 60:1

This scripture was chosen for our 2021 stewardship campaign with the COVID-19 pandemic heavy on our hearts. The past year has presented unique challenges for us as individuals, families, a congregation, and as God’s church. I am amazed at how Trinity has persevered and thrived throughout the pandemic. Our church, led by our clergy and staff, has adapted quickly to continue our worship services, foster our community of faith, and serve those in need. I certainly miss the “good old days”, with in-person worship services, Sunday school gatherings, and fellowship with each of you. But our ability to continue God’s work without these traditional means is a testament to your faith and God’s love. The glory of the Lord has indeed risen upon Trinity!

Our Promise Sunday was on February 14, and we are so very grateful for the responses that we have received. Thank you for continuing to support our church with your tithes and gifts. We have received 217 pledges for a total of \$953,462.

If you have not had a chance to submit your pledge of support, there is still time! Please visit <https://www.trinityumc.net/give/stewardship/>, or call the church office at 804-288-6056 and ask for Diane Ladd, our Financial Secretary. Our budgeting process for the next fiscal year will begin shortly, so please do not hesitate. Every gift that we receive, no matter the size, is instrumental in supporting our Church and the work of Jesus Christ in our community.

Thank you again for your support of the stewardship campaign and of Trinity United Methodist Church.



Spring Forward!

Don’t forget to change your clocks forward on the night of **Saturday, March 13.**





Trinity Foundation Scholarship

The Trinity Foundation is pleased to announce that it will offer scholarships again this year to Trinity members for undergraduate and graduate studies. These scholarships are made possible because Trinity families and friends have established scholarship funds through the Trinity Foundation. Applications are available on-line. Applications must be received at the church office by noon on April 7.

To access the applications on-line, find the "Forms" link at the bottom of the home page at the Trinity website. Return completed forms to Paula Cadden, you can hand deliver them, mail them to Trinity or email them to pcadden@trinityumc.net. To access the Trinity Foundation Scholarship page, go to <https://www.trinityumc.net/scholarships/>.

Trinity students who attend Virginia Wesleyan University are eligible to apply for the Eugene R. Woolridge, Jr. and Jane Smith Woolridge Scholarship, established by Trinity UMC and Virginia Beach UMC in honor of our former minister and his wife. For more information, contact the Virginia Wesleyan Director of Financial Aid, Teresa Rhyne, at trhyne@vwu.edu or 757-455-3345.



Cub Scouts of Trinity are on the Move!

Recently our Cub Scouts Pack 799 participated in Henrico County's "Spread the Love" campaign, provid-

ing homemade Valentine's for local seniors who have not been able to see loved ones due to COVID lockdowns. We are excited about our legendary Pinewood Derby to be held on April 17 as well as our partnership with Virginia's Herpetological Society for two exciting upcoming virtual events on native Virginia snakes, lizards & salamanders on February 23 and March 23. And despite COVID, more than 20 Cub Scouts have achieved rank advancements this year! If you are interested in Trinity's Cub Scout Pack 799, visit: <https://www.pack799.com> or email: Cubmaster - Allan Cruickshanks - a.cruickshanks@gmail.com or Charter Org Rep - Dennis King - dennis.king1@gmail.com

Opportunities to Help at Oak Grove-Bellemeade

Would you like to share your passion for gardening? Please come and share your passion with the youth in the Bellemeade Outdoor Club. We are creating a youth vegetable garden with berry bushes; fruit trees and we also have a bee hive. We are building 30 raised beds, planting berry and fruit trees and enclosing the area in split rail fencing. Our children will hold a farmer's market once a week. If you want to utilize your passion to change the lives of our children, we welcome you. However, you will discover your life has changed as well. Come visit our rain and pollination garden, nature play area, geology display and Bike Repair shop. We would appreciate any surplus tools that you might donate. We will meet each Saturday beginning March 6 from 1:00-4:00 PM. We welcome volunteers to share your passion for outdoor learning and reading. Our children have not been in school since March 2020 and their only outlet is with our program. The address of the park is 1800 Krouse Street. If you are interested email Bob Argabright at rargabright@me.com or call at 310-1080.

For the past seven years I have organized a Saturday Literacy Academy at the Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School with approximately 50 primarily Hispanic children. This year because of the pandemic we have conducted our literacy program outside in the Bellemeade Park. Each Saturday weather permitting we hold our Outdoor Learning program in Bellemeade Park located at 1800 Krouse Street from 1:00-4:00 PM. I have high school volunteers that participate in various outdoor activities with our students. The pandemic has greatly impacted our children's exposure to reading and the discussing that follow the reading activity. We will begin meeting with our children on March 6 and I want to be more intentional with their reading block. I have many elementary school level books that lend themselves to great discussions based on life skills, how we treat each other, how special we are as individuals, goal setting and dreaming and other themes.

I'm looking for book readers and discussion leaders that will come to the park from 12:30-2:00 any Saturday that would fit your schedule. You can come one time or if you enjoy the ministry you would be welcome to return. You will be given the book ahead of time and suggested discussion questions. Feel free to develop your own questions or to bring and read your favorite book. You may want our students to read the book and you lead the discussion. That would depend on the ages of the children in your group. At the end of the discussion the students will have a journal to record their thoughts. They may journal about their goals, dreams and career aspirations. What stood out from last week?

An important goal that you have each week is to teach our children to dream and to help them understand a dimension of our world that is new to them.

If you are interested in making a difference in our children's lives contact Bob Argabright at 310-1080 or rargabright@me.com



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

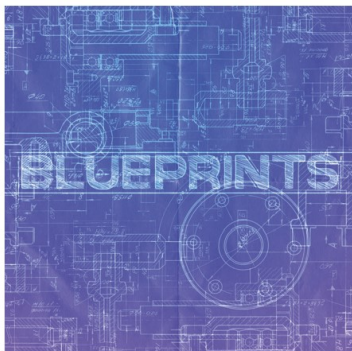
There are two components to our weekly kids ministry experience!

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 Carl and Kassie, and other components, similar to what we do at Kids Church when we are together in person.

2. **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 and Zoom Call.

What are kids learning this month?



Blueprints are a kind of plan that helps engineers, architects, and drafters to know how a project should go. Plans are everywhere. Kids find plans at school, in their Lego sets, and even in their video games. But the best kinds of plans are the ones that help us grow. Through the life of Jesus, kids are going to find out that God's plans are perfect, love is the foundation of God's plans, that Jesus said yes to God's plans, and most of all, that we are included in God's plans.

How is Trinity helping families celebrate Easter this year?



We have Family Easter Kits to help families celebrate Easter this year! **Each kit contains the instructions and supplies for 3 activities to complete during Lent and Easter!** Families who registered for a kit received theirs during the month of February!



Families received a guide for Lent by email with scripture readings and activities for families to complete together during Lent.



Join us on Easter Sunday for a special kid's online experience to celebrate Easter called Easter Jam! Look for more information to be released as we get closer to Easter!!

You will want to make sure you have eggs (hard boiled or plastic), a hollow chocolate Easter bunny (one per kid or one for the whole family), and a tube (one per kid) or tub of frosting.

Flower Tribute at Easter

Easter is a time when we choose to honor and/or memorialize loved ones by listing their names in the bulletin on Easter Sunday morning.

The cost to have a tribute “in honor of” or “in memory of” listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin is \$20.

The funds received will be used to offset the cost of flowers used to decorate the sanctuary and foyers on Easter Sunday. Monies received above the cost of the flowers will be donated to Missions at Trinity as part of our Lenten Easton Mission Offering (LEMO).



In order to have your tribute printed in the April newsletter, The Window, the deadline for receiving your contribution is MONDAY, March 22.

Place this form in the offering plate



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



Please list the following tribute in the bulletin on Easter Sunday:

In Honor Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

AND / OR

In Memory Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



Donor's Printed Name and Phone #: _____

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Here Are your 2021 Richmond History Makers!



Based on our six categories, your 2021 Richmond History Makers are:

For Creating Quality Educational Opportunities:

Chuck English
Virginia STEM Coordinator

For Demonstrating Innovative Economic Solutions:

Floyd E. Miller, II
President & CEO of Metropolitan Business League

For Improving Regional Transportation:

Lloyd "Bud" Vye
Biking and pedestrian advocate

For Championing Social Justice:

Chloe Edwards
Advocacy and Engagement Manager Voices for Virginia's Children

For Promoting Community Health:

Health Brigade
(Represented by Executive Director Karen Legato)

For Advancing our Quality of Life:

Hamilton Glass
Muralist and community advocate

The 16th Annual Richmond History Makers and Community Update on March 9 will celebrate these hometown heroes and provide an update on our region's resiliency during a challenging year.

The event will be free and take place virtually, with the Valentine and the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond joining forces again to recognize these trailblazers.

Trinity Impacting the Community

Back in March of 2020, the world was just starting to turn upside down. The impact of the pandemic was becoming more real to America, Virginia, and Richmond.

In response, we started our Friday food drives. In a year's time, your donations have helped Feed More, food pantries in the following Methodist churches—Sherbourne, Welborne, Belmont, and the neighborhoods in the Oak Grove-Bellemeade community. Many families have been sustained by your weekly donations. And we hear from the leadership teams at each pantry how much the items you have donated mean to the recipients.

But your missional work hasn't been one dimensional. Just ask those nonprofits who benefitted from the Lenten Easter Mission Offering, the Mattaponi Health Clinic, New Shoes For Back To School, United Methodist Family Services, the Angel Tree Project at Central UMC, UMCOR, and Friends of Barnabas.

Additionally, there are Sunday school classes, small groups, and quiet humble members who offer help to individuals behind the scenes every week.

We appreciate every ounce of your support. These needs in our community are not going away.

And we have said this before, we thank you for your hearts in all of this good work.

So, keep this wisdom from **Proverbs 4:23** in mind: "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

A Special Thanks

We appreciate the help Jim Crowder has given to some detailed projects around Trinity Hall. And we extend that thanks also for Bert Norfleet who used his metal working skills to make a security repair on a recycling bin.

Additionally, we thank the caregivers of our building Ronnie Johnson, Bobby McShaw, and Juanita Woodson for everything they do during the course of the week for the Preschool.

And one more note of thanks, in the Church Office to Paula Cadden, Kim Tingler, and Diane Ladd who do all kinds of work behind the scenes to keep the church going. Recently, they have received critical support from Jan Booker, Lynn Berry, and Callie Stuart on some special projects.

Thank You Notes

Trinity family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, the cards, the emails, the flowers and the meals for our family after our grandson Myles' diagnosis. We are extremely grateful for your love and support and will need it for the foreseeable future.

Bert & Sheila Norfleet

I would like to thank everyone that made meals for me in Jan. I can not tell you how much it helped me get thru a difficult time. I'm doing much better now and know Trinity has big hearted members as well as some great cooks. A special thanks to Jo Lewis and Judy Oguich for establishing and maintaining "Operation Feed Dave".

God Bless,
Dave Boring

Dear Trinity family,

We are so grateful for your expressions of sympathy and caring after the loss of our mother, Kate V. James. Our mother was a member of Trinity for over 60 years, and we will always consider Trinity our home church. Your love and care of both our parents was so evident to us throughout their lives, including the lovely cards and letters when our mother moved to Maine in her last years. Trinity has been such a big part of our mother's life in every way. Thank you for walking with us and holding our mother and us close during this time.

Sincerely and with love, her daughters,
Janie Gendron and Beth Willingham

Gifts Given to Trinity

Gifts Received for the **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund** in memory of:

Charles Beverage
Maria Butler
Vernon Collier
Ann Cook
Louise Beck

Gifts Received for **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund** in memory of:

Dorothy Vye
Thomas Waters

Gifts Received for **UMFS** in memory of:
Nancy Kindervater

Gifts Received for **UMW Legacy Fund** in memory of:
Millie Simmons

Gift received for the **Samson Project** in memory of:
Louise Beck

Joys and Concerns

Birth


*Adelaide Beece Nichols born on January 19 to
Brittany and Curtis Nichols*

Our sympathies to...

*Diana Avery whose father David Jordan died February 11
Rich Neale, III whose step-mother Judy Neale died
February 11
Bert Norfleet whose mother Laura Norfleet died February 9*

Information from Finance

- We are pleased to receive gifts of appreciated stock. If you would like information on how to handle these gifts, please contact Diane Ladd at dladd@trinityumc.net. It is important to remember to communicate to Diane the name of the stock sold and the number of shares. This is the only way the church can match the donor with the funds received. If you have recently given a gift of stock and have not received an acknowledgment from the church, please contact Diane.
- It is very helpful to receive advance notice of checks coming directly from your broker or investment company for IRA distributions. If you are unsure of the disposition of a donation, please contact Diane Ladd at 288-6057 ext. 203.
- Need a copy of your 2020 contribution statement for tax filing? Email dladd@trinityumc.net and we will get it to you.

 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, March 22 at 4 PM for events taking place in April**. Articles may be submitted prior to the deadline, and we encourage early submissions. Articles must be submitted in writing to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.