

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

“Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and beside this all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’”
Luke 24:18b-24

Resurrection. Victory. Life. Love. In just days we will be celebrating Easter. It can't come fast enough! We need the Easter message with it's strength and triumph and hope! I'm more than ready, aren't you? The Easter message is at the heart of our faith and it is at the heart of our lives. What joy indeed! But Easter Sunday can't come without Good Friday, that is to say there is no resurrection without crucifixion.

Far too many Christians go straight from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, trading Hosannas for Alleluias, palm branches for Easter lilies, and in the process overlooking the unpleasantness in between. But, dear friends, the power is in the *story*. To know the sublime joy of Easter we must acknowledge the harsh reality that is Holy Week. Therefore I invite you to fully participate in this greatest story ever told, the story of what God has done for us.

See below the listing of our Holy Week services. Please be a part. Let us worship together and make this story the very center of our hearts and lives.

Easter blessings,



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7 PM
Maundy Thursday Foot Washing Service online.

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

Easter Worship Service, April 4
Sunrise in-person at 7:00 AM
Modern Worship at 9 AM
Trinity Kids Easter Jam at 10:15 AM
Traditional Worship at 11 AM
We will be worshipping together online, Christ is Risen!

Lenten Easter Mission Offering: The God of 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.

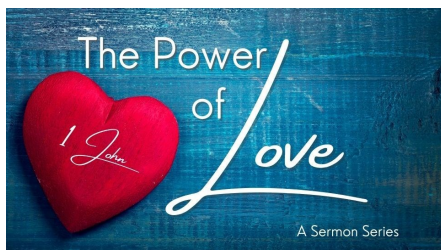
Any questions, reach out to: Bob Argabright, Carmen Sheppard, Betsy Estes, Lee Stocks, Virginia Rhines, or Bill Pike. The God of Hope and his people in need are counting on us.

Easter Season Sermon Series “I John - The Power of Love”

During the Easter Session Pastors Larry and Hung Su will offer a sermon series using lectionary readings from the Epistle of I John. I John teaches us that the Resurrection had changed the way we live in the world. We are invited to “walk in the light”. The power of what Jesus Christ has done for us be explored as we consider the power of his love.

April 18	I John 3:1-7	Adopting Love
April. 25	I John 3:16-24	Abiding Love
May 2	I John 4:7-21	Perfecting Love
May 9	I John 5:1-6	Victorious Love

Come be a part as we celebrate love and life in the Risen Lord!



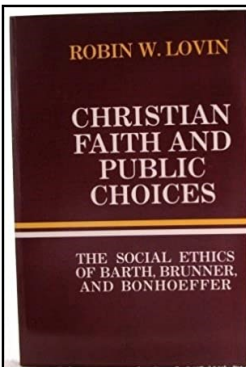
Re-opening Update from the Healthy Church Team

At the March 21 Church Council meeting Pastor Larry gave the following update on the current status of our re-opening plans:

- Outdoor Services are planned for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
- Pastor Larry has asked the Church Staff to plan for Outdoor Services to continue after Easter and for indoor services to begin by June.
- Our regular livestream services will continue every week.
- Social distancing (wearing of face masks, 6 ft. distancing, etc.) in accordance with the Conference protocols will continue to be observed.

Of course, everyone should understand that all plans are contingent on the unfolding pandemic conditions. It is our hope that with the continuing vaccinations the situation will continue to improve and that Conference restrictions will soon be able to be revised and relaxed even more. Outdoor Services will resume on April 18 (after a one week break after Easter to catch our breath and see what, if any, changes we need to make for the services.) Starting indoor services in June will hopefully provide time for all adults who desire a vaccine to have one. We will initially start with one indoor service each week.

From the beginning of this crisis we have held as our guide the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our highest priorities have been to protect our congregation as well as the community while loving God. We must be concerned not only for ourselves but for the most vulnerable of the population. The Bishop and Conference Task Force are in constant contact with the Governor’s Office, the Virginia Dept. of Health and follows the guidelines of the CDC. Even as we are excited about these developments, we are all impatient for more. As we enter what may be a period of regular change, let us keep at the fore of our thoughts who we are and what we are about. We are the followers of Jesus Christ. When history looks back at the Great Pandemic may we be found faithful in all our ways.



Dillard Study Group, New Study

The Dillard Study Group will be conducting an eight-week study of ‘Christian Faith and Public Choices: The Social Ethics of Barth, Brunner, and Bonhoeffer’ by Robin W. Lovin. The study will start on **Monday, April 5**. Dillard Study Group is a participant led group and open to anyone who wants to join. They meet

on Mondays from **7-8:30 PM**. For more information and how to join the Zoom meeting contact Dianne Moore at diannemoore710@msn.com.

Note: The book is out of print but copies are available on Amazon and on AbeBooks.com (possibly other sites).

Youth News

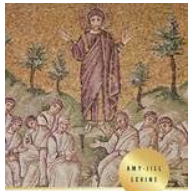
Trinity family, it is important that we let you know about a staffing change. Bryce Miller, our Director of Student Ministries has been offered and accepted the opportunity to serve as the Farmer in Residence at Shalom Farms. He will serve at Trinity through the month of April to assist with the transition as we begin our search for the right person to lead our students forward.

We are grateful for Bryce’s years with us and the many gifts he has brought to our student ministry and our church as a whole. Here is a portion of the letter he shared with the students and parents earlier this week:

“I need to share some news with you, letting you know some of what God has been doing with me. First let me say that serving God among you has been one of the honors of my life. The past four years have been a whirlwind of growth, fun, and service. I will always treasure our time together; playing signs and other silly games all night at lock-ins, singing to God at the top of our lungs at retreats, and serving alongside you, in 100-degree heat, repairing people's homes, just to name a few! Watching all of you grow in your relationship with God has been the highlight of my life, and I am deeply grateful for my time walking with you along that path.”

I have long felt a calling to a ministry of food, farming, and community. From my time spent in Alabama working in raised beds, to our youth group meals, to volunteering at Shalom Farms, my life has always revolved around the intersection of food and faith. God’s calling on my life has been to help those who do not have the resources that they require to live an abundant life. And all though this is a difficult time of transition, the change will provide me with a new opportunity to explore my calling in our city. You know that Shalom Farms has been an opportunity for me to serve the hungry and those in need in our city. The intersection of growing food in a localized food system, and providing critical access to food in areas that are suffering from food apartheid is the perfect marriage of my passion and calling.”

We wish Bryce well as he follows his call. We ask that you pray for Bryce as he begins this new chapter and that you pray for Trinity as we seek a new Director of Student Ministries.



3M to Study “Sermon on the Mount”

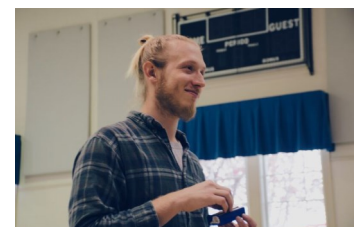
Our next study, “Sermon on the Mount” by Amy-Jill Levine will begin Wednesday, April 14 and will run for 6 weeks. We meet by Zoom on Wednesday nights, 6 – 7:30 PM. Contact Judy Oguich for the Zoom link. Everyone is welcome!

Explore the most popular sermon ever delivered!

The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus’ most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today. This book provides a rich and challenging learning experience for the individual reader and makes a wonderful, six-week group study with the additional Leader Guide, DVD, and 40-day readings.

The cost of the book is \$12.99 at Cokesbury.





American Red Cross Blood Drive

Mark your calendar for **Monday, May 24**, we are partnering with the American Red Cross Blood Services to do a Blood Drive. It will take place in Trinity Hall from **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**, please be sure to enter through the double doors of Trinity Hall (at the back of the church). The demand for blood has increased dramatically due to the pandemic.

To sign up:

- Go to redcrossblood.org
- Drop down Donate blood
Schedule an appointment
- Under Zip or Sponsor Code (Enter trinityumc)
- Go to see Times and schedule your appointment.



Earth Day – April 22

Trinity’s Creation Care Committee invites you to get involved in taking care of God’s Earth.

What we eat, where it comes from and how it is produced contribute to our ‘foodprint’ – our food’s impact on the environment. Even simple

changes can lead to big results if we all work together.

1. Fight climate change with diet change
 - Try participating in meatless Mondays
 - Use fresh produce and more plant-based recipes
 - Rely less on processed ingredients
2. Buy local food
 - Reduce the distance from farm to fork
 - Frequent your local farmers’ market
 - Join a local food co-op
3. Try growing your own
 - Plant some herbs in a pot on your deck
 - Grow a tomato plant
 - Try an organic garden!
4. Fight food waste
 - Buy only what’s needed
 - Pay attention to ‘use by’ dates when choosing which ingredients to use today from your pantry or fridge
 - Try composting!

Calculate your ‘foodprint’ at www.earthday.org/foodprints-calculators/

Raise your awareness of Earth Day issues and find more tips at www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/

Arise, Shine Stewardship Update

The Stewardship Committee wants to report that the *Arise, Shine* 2021 Stewardship Campaign is in the final stretch. As of March 24, Trinity has received some **283** promises totaling **\$1,174,762** of financial support for our ministries in the July 2021-June 2022 fiscal year. Thanks to all who have responded so generously! This is strong support as the church prepares to re-open in-person worship. But we still have yet to hear from some families. Have you responded? Now is the time as the Committee commences making reminder calls. You may make your promise online, or you may mail in the response card, or you can make it verbally by calling the church office (804) 288-6056 and speaking with Diane Ladd, Financial Administrator. Let’s support Trinity together.

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



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. Applications may be hand delivered or mailed to Trinity (attention: Paula Cadden), or emailed 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.



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

Kids Church Online Video: To give families more flexibility, we are releasing a 15-25 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 friends, and other components, similar to what we do at Kids Church when we are together in person.

What are Trinity Kids learning this month?



Grab your hiking boots and pitch a tent. It's time to summit through the story of Jesus, who rose from death and gave us everything we need for our journey. This month, we're learning about how the miracle of Jesus' resurrection strengthens us and changes our relationships in the best way.

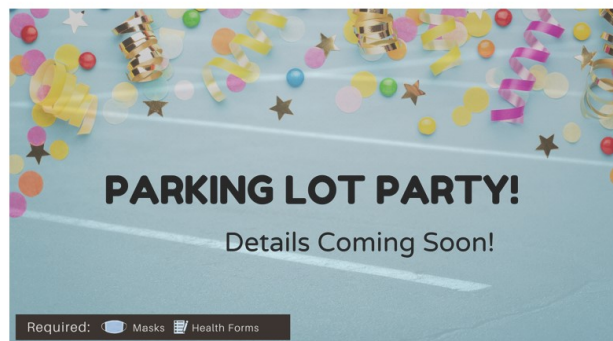
Everyone will have a chance to put these ideas in their backpack to carry with them always: Jesus overcame death. Jesus connects us to each other. Jesus gives encouragement. We are stronger with Jesus.

How is Trinity Kids helping families celebrate Easter this year?



Join us on Easter Sunday for a special kid's online experience to celebrate Easter called Easter Jam! Families will receive an email Easter morning with a link to view the video and you can also find the video here: <http://www.trinityumc.net/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.



We are so excited to start meeting in person with our Trinity Kids families!! We will be hosting Parking Lot Parties in the upcoming months, each with their own special theme!!

Our first party will happen in April!! We will share more details soon by text and email!!

Easter Flower Tributes in 2021

<i>In Loving Memory of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Charlene and Herman Moore	Dorothy and Dianne Moore
Dave and Bobbie Shobe	The Shobe and Trevvett Families
Davis Bottom	Wife, Hildie, and Children
Dennis Radeff	Martie Parch
Diana Boring	Hubby
Don and Al Pierce	Don and Mary Ann Boyd
Elizabeth Mallory	Dorothy and Dianne Moore
Evelyn and William Carlton (“Dee Dee” and “PaPa”)	Loving Family, Nancy, Bryan, Rannie and Jim
Frances DeWitt and Mack DeWitt	Margaret and Steve DeWitt
George and Rachel Habel	Don and Mary Ann Boyd
George and Shirley Whitley; Roger and Mary Virginia Crew – Our Parents	Tom and Kathy Crew
Jack Sutton, My Husband	Juliana Sutton
John Detwiler, My Brother	Juliana Sutton
Julian D. Adkins	His Family
Julie Abbott	Dick Abbott
Kate James	Rosemary and Jim McCullough
Lauren Banks	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Leslie Trevvett	Mom and Penn
Lola and Norman Hilliard	Dorothy and Dianne Moore
Marian and Lester Jones	Sara, Waddy and Kimberly Street
Mary Fleming	Rosemary and Jim McCullough
Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rollison, Bill Ward, Dale Ward, Rowena Manning	John and Pat Rollison
My Mom and Dad, Peggy and Jack Harter	Connie Harter Burton
My Parents, Richard and Dorothy Weems	Bana Caskey
Our Loved Ones	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Shelbe Kearney	Dad and Matthew
Tina Abbott	Dick Abbott

<i>In Honor of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Amy, Jamie, Caitlin, Jackson, and Alexander Bitz	Sara, Waddy and Kimberly Street
Karen Stanley	Ordinary People Sunday School Class
Kim Tingler	Jan Booker
Larry Lenow	Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class
Lessie Lide Detwiler	Juliana Sutton
Mary Hetzel	Joan and Lora Yowell
Mary Lou Cox and Roger Whitley – Our Siblings	Tom and Kathy Crew
Mike Dishman	Ordinary People Sunday School Class
My Children and Grandchildren	Juliana Sutton
Outreach Sunday School Class	Don and Mary Ann Boyd
Paula Cadden	Jan Booker
Rosemary McCullough	Jim McCullough
Trinity Kids Ministry	Nancy Foley
Trinity United Methodist Church (My Trinity Family)	Nancy Foley



Chromebooks for Connection

An update from our French-Swahili congregation

Over the last year, many of you have asked about our French-Swahili congregation. As you might have guessed, the pandemic had an impact on them too.

A couple of families lost loved ones to assorted health issues in their home country. Also, for some of the congregation in Richmond, the pandemic impacted employment, education, and housing.

Luckily, those disruptions in Richmond were countered by your generosity. Your financial donations have allowed us to assist our French-Swahili families in their times of economic stress.

But also, like you, they have not been able to worship in person, and this has created an extra level of stress for a close-knit community.

Working with some special funding, the church was able to purchase

and donate 13 Lenovo Chromebook computers to help these families.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, March 16, their congregational leader, Vianney Kayimbula, stopped by the church to pick up the Chromebooks for distribution. As soon as Vianney walked into the church office corridor, he said with lots of emotion, "Oh, how I miss my church." So do we Vianney.

The Chromebooks will enhance their opportunities to connect with each other, help to restart their worship and prayer meetings, and assist with learning the English language.

We want to thank everyone who has helped with financial donations during the last year for our French-Swahili families. You have made a real difference for them during the pandemic.

New Scouts and Spring Camping Trip

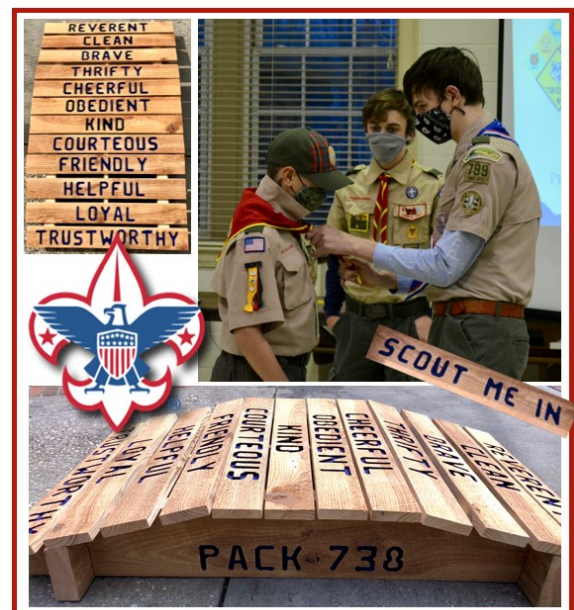
This month eight new Scouts began their Scouting journey with Trinity's Troop 799 during a recent Crossover Ceremony. The ceremony utilized for the first time, a new Crossover Bridge made and donated by Trinity members and Troop leaders Dennis King and Susan Kooch.

March marked the first campout in a LONG time for Troop 799. They made their way to Camp T. Brady Saunders for their Spring Equinox Campout where they enjoyed a sunny weekend of astronomy, riflery, biking, safe knife skills, flag etiquette, cooking and of course campfire s'mores.

If you know of any boy ages K-5th grade (Cub Scouts) or 11-17 (Scouts) who are interested simply go to our troop website to request more information www.Troop799.org www.pack799.com or email Dennis.King1@gmail.com / Charter Org Rep for both Pack & Troop 799.



Scout Troop 799
Spring Equinox Campout



Thank You Notes

It is with great gratitude I thank all who have sent cards, visited, brought food and groceries, and supported me since my fall on December 31. I am humbled by all the support from so many dear friends at Trinity. Your calls, texts, and generous nature have sustained me as I continue to heal. God's blessing abound.

Love,
Gail Turner

Gifts Given to Trinity

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

Louise Beck
Ann Cook
George Habel
Kate James

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

Betsy Hoak

Gifts Received for **Trinity Stitcher' Fund** In memory of:
Dot Shaw

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

Joys and Concerns

Birth

Karsyn Nancy Utley born on February 23 to Jordan and Kyle Utley. Her grandparents are Art and Mary Beth Utley.

Our sympathies to...

Brant Verdery whose father Charlie Verdery died on March 16

Art Utley whose mother Betsy Hoak died March 8
The family of Barbara Garrison who died February 22
Jill White whose father John Golden, Jr. died February 17

Pictures of Past Holy Week



Newsletter
DEADLINE

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, April 19 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 to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.