

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

"Behold, I am making all things new..." Revelation 21:5a

What a joy it has been since Easter Sunday, seeing so many of you in our outside services! I didn't really recognize how much I have missed it until I experienced it again! Praise God!

Allow me to share with you upcoming changes that we anticipate. (I use the word "anticipate" to mean this is what we are planning, but the rate of change is determined by the Conference Protocols which is very closely aligned with the Governor's Office and the CDC.):

Our Livestream Services will continue at 11:00am indefinitely.

Beginning **Sunday, June 6** we will also offer **two in-person services.**

At **9:00am** we will offer a **Modern Service, Outside.**

- Remaining outside allows us to have live singing.
- Our families with young children report that they *love* the relaxed outdoor experience.
- On rainy days, we will hold the service in Trinity Hall (with prerecorded music).

At **11:00am** we will offer a **Traditional Service** in the **Sanctuary.**

- Seating capacity will be approximately 75.
- Music will be prerecorded (as it currently is).

A few things to bear in mind. All of our current cover restrictions (preregistration, facemasks worn over mouth and nose, 6 ft. social distancing, no indoor singing, etc.) will be in effect. We are hopeful that some of these restrictions will be adjusted, but we have no knowledge as to a timeline for such adjustments.

"What can I do to help?" you ask?

1. Volunteer! We will need a strong team to set up, check in, usher, and clean up after each service.
2. Get vaccinated as soon as you can! Herd immunity is the strategy to get all this behind us.
3. Please be patient. We are all COVID weary, but both the Conference and Trinity are being responsible and striving to love our neighbors and protect the community.
4. Keep the faith. God has gotten us this way and God will lead us forward! Our witness and discipleship is not tested in good and easy times, but in the times of challenge.

Finally, on a personal note, thank you for being such a great Church Family.

Blessings,

Farewell Celebration

On **Sunday, May 16** there will be a farewell celebration for Bryce. We will gather in the Stuart Hall Road parking lot from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. More details will follow. Please join us as we say goodbye and good luck to Bryce.





American Red Cross Blood Drive

Mark your calendar for **Monday, May 24,** as 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.



McClure Bible Study

The McClure Bible Study class will be presenting a class on "The Ten Commandments: What Do They Mean For Us Today?" from **June 6 until July 11**, on Sundays

from 9:30 until 10:30 AM via Zoom. Those interested should contact Lou Cei for the link (ceilb2@aol.com).

Yard Work Is Good For Your Soul

Thanks to your financial tithing, and the good work of the Finance Committee and the Trustees, Trinity has an annual contract with a company to maintain our grounds. However, being good financial stewards, we only contract for certain essential items to be completed each week.

Our grounds take up lots of space, and we have lots of areas that need to be properly maintained beyond the essentials in the contract. If you have your yard properly manicured at home, and you are looking for some more challenges, the Trinity grounds will be a good match for you.

The following areas will need attention during the summer months: Rock Pile Point, Mrs. M's lot, Veteran's Memorial Garden, Bicentennial Garden, the 7906 border, Stuart Hall Road green spaces, and assorted beds and borders.

If you have an interest in helping to maintain our grounds, please contact Bill Pike via e-mail: bpiketrinity@trinityumc.net.



Note Writing Project

The Tuckahoe YMCA has been quietly working during the pandemic to help our community.

Staff from the Tuckahoe YMCA and community partners are looking for volunteers to assist with writing thank you notes to all teachers and staff members who work in two local elementary schools and one middle school. The notecards and talking points to convey in each note will be provided. If your circle, Sunday school class, or small group has an interest in assisting with this project, please contact Bill Pike via e-mail: bpiketrinity@trinityumc.net.



Trinity Softball



Trinity is forming a co-ed softball team for this summer. Games will likely begin at the end of May or beginning of June and continue one night per week through the summer. In the past, games have been played at Quiocasin Middle School on Tuesday nights. This year, the structure of our league is a bit uncertain, so we are waiting to learn the night and location(s). Softball is a great way to connect with other members throughout the church. Make it a family affair and bring the kids to watch you play! If you are interested, contact Paul Brooks at jpaulbrooks@gmail.com.

Lenten Easter Mission Offering

Thanks to everyone who made a donation to the Lenten Easter Mission Offering. To apply for a grant, please complete an application on-line or bring a completed application to the church office. Deadline for turning in the application is **Sunday, June 13**. If you have questions, please contact Bill Pike by e-mail: bpiketrinity@trinityumc.net or phone 804-288-6056 Ext 211.

Trinity UMC Serve Ministry

2021 Lenten Easter Mission Offering Mission Grant Application

Completed applications are due by June 13 to Bill Pike, Director of Operations, (you can submit the completed application by e-mail, mail, or bringing a printed copy to the church office).

E-mail: bpike@trinityumc.net Phone: 804-288-6057 ext. 211

Mailing address: Bill Pike, Director of Operations, Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave., Henrico, VA 23229

Contact Information

Ministry name	
Contact person	
E-mail	
Phone number	

Please describe the ministry.

Please describe the impact the ministry has on individuals and/or the community it serves.

How does this ministry align with the mission of Trinity United Methodist Church? (*“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world – Connect to God, Grow in Faith, Serve the World.”*)

Will Trinity UMC members have an opportunity to serve with this ministry? If so, please describe available opportunities.

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What amount of LEMO funds you are requesting for this ministry? Please provide a detailed explanation of your request.

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If this ministry received a LEMO mission grant last year, please provide a detailed explanation of how the funds were used.

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Is there anything else you would like to share with the Serve Committee to help us with our decision?

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Submitted By:

Name (printed)	
Date	



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

Kids Church Online Video: April is our last month for Kids Church Online videos. We are pressing pause on this for the summer as Trinity Kids focuses on providing more opportunities to meet in person!



Join us Sunday, May 16th for our next Parking Lot Party!! Our theme is Flowers! We will be meeting in the back parking lot over by the Trinity Hall entrance. Come anytime between 4 and 5pm. Each kid will receive their own flowerpot to paint! Then, kids will get to fill their pot with soil and plant some flowers inside! Registration and face masks are required. Sign up here: www.trinityumc.net/kids/

June 13th will be our next party. It will be a bike party! Stay tuned for more details!



Our preteen ministry, Transit, for our 4th and 5th graders, is meeting this month on Sunday, May 23rd from 5-6:15pm! Kids at this age have specific needs and interests that can best be met in a setting of their own! Registration and face masks are required. Sign up

here: www.trinityumc.net/kids/ Friends are invited to attend as well (they just need to register!)

We will meet again on Sunday, June 6th before taking a break for the summer!

Here are some pictures from our Parking Lot Party in April!!





A Special Thanks

For many years, Trinity member, Toni Halstead, has offered a variety of yoga based exercise classes at Trinity and throughout the Richmond area.

Toni held numerous certification requirements that were needed to teach these classes. No question, Toni knew her stuff, and she was known for her ability to help people no matter their age or physical challenges. Her friendly, caring manner resonated with people, they knew she wanted the best for their well being.

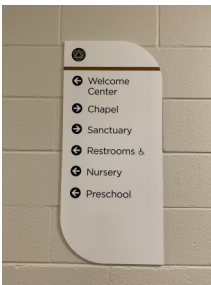
Probably what you didn't know is that every year, Toni donated proceeds from these classes back to Trinity. We could only track the numbers back for 16 years, but in that time frame over \$35,000 has returned to any number of projects at Trinity to help people in need.

With a bit of hesitancy, Toni has decided to retire from full-time teaching of all her classes. But, the timing is right as Toni and her husband Ric have three grandsons to keep them busy. Plus, Toni wonders what other opportunities God might have in store for her in our communities.

We wish Toni all the best, and we are grateful for her leadership and grace in helping people and by giving back to her community.

Signage Project

The Trustees would like to thank everyone for their support with the interior and exterior signage project. During April, the last phase of the project was completed with the installation of the exterior signs. A special thanks to Nell Smith and Catherine McSorley for their leadership from the beginning until the end.



Joys and Concerns

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Jason Coats who died April 17
The family of Judith Barnes who died on April 2*

Scout & Pack 799 News

Cub Pack 799 had their Pinewood Derby in April and were excited to see their friends as well as race their self-made, finely tuned Derby Cars.

Scout Troop 799 has two future meetings in May. On **May 3** the Henrico County Police K-9 Unit (Bomb Unit) will demonstrate the operations of their officers and dogs. The following Monday night meeting on **May 10**, Troop 799 will host members of the Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad as they discuss first aid.

Boys ages K-5th grade (Cubs) or ages 11-17 (Boy Scouts) who are interested can go to our troop/pack website to request more information - www.Troop799.org, www.Pack799.com or contact the Charter Organization Rep. Dennis.King1@gmail.com



Newsletter DEADLINE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, May 17 at 4 PM for events taking place in June/July**. 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.