

The Trinity Window

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June 2021

Pastor's Corner



Finally! Trinity is fully re-opening! Throughout this pandemic we have been guided by our faith. As the people of Jesus Christ, our commitment has been to love our neighbor by protecting our congregation and the community by limiting spread of COVID-19. We have followed the guidance of the CDC and the Office of the Governor on these matters. This continues to be our guide. The Conference has relaxed restrictions and empowered each church to make appropriate decisions *as long as we abide by the Governor's Executive Order 79*, effective May 28, 2021. Our Trinity plan has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Hyo Lee, our District Superintendent. (He also asked if he could share our plan with other churches as a template.) Here is the information you need to know:

WORSHIP:

We will adopt a Summer Schedule for Sunday mornings **starting Sunday, June 6**

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship (How long this service remains outdoors remains to be determined)

10:00 AM Discipleship Hour (Sunday school for all ages, indoor and outdoor)

11:00 AM Indoor Worship

Outdoors: All restrictions have ended. You **no** longer need to register for the service. You may sit where you wish. Masks are not required for anyone outdoors.

Indoors:

You may sit where you wish in the sanctuary (except the balcony, see below). Singing without masks is allowed.

For fully vaccinated persons: Restrictions are lifted. Masks are not needed.

For people not fully vaccinated: We respectfully request that you wear a mask indoors. This is on an "honor system" with no registration or monitoring involved.

For those who may be uncomfortable with these changes:

- Livestream worship will continue at 11:00 AM
- The Outdoor service is a wonderful alternative.
- The **sanctuary balcony** will be limited to those (vaccinated or unvaccinated) who agree to remain masked, who prefer to sit only among others who are masked and agree to reasonable (3ft. is the CDC standard) social distancing. Anyone may simply go and sit in the balcony at will, but these restrictions need to be observed.

GROUPS/CLASSES

Small Groups may meet throughout the week. Groups will self-monitor as they see fit.

Students 12 years and older are regarded the same as other adults.

Kids 5-11 years, should be masked indoors. Masks are not needed outdoors.

PRESCHOOL

Weekday Preschool resumes in the Fall (normal schedule, Preschool has operated throughout pandemic and will continue to do so under VDH guidelines.)

We are well on our way to a new normal. Our schedule may change due to weather or needs. We pray that the virus will continue to recede and that we put this behind us. If there is a resurgence or the rise of more disturbing variants, we will adapt. We are, as we have always been, in God's hands. Let us move forward in unshakable faith.

Trinity's PRG - Post-Covid Re-Entry Team - (formally called the Healthy Church Team)

Alice Hirata, M.D.
Corey Booker, Church Council Chair
Jim Crowder, Trustees
Mike McCullough, J.D.

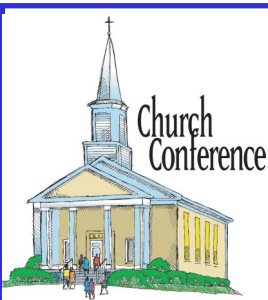
Bill Pike
Hung Su Lim
Larry Lenow



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 in-person in room 324 or via Zoom. Those interested should contact Lou Cei for the link (ceilb2@aol.com).



Church Charge Conference

Tuesday, June 29
6:30 PM

Stayed tuned for more details.

Members of the Church Council
will be voting on the 2021-2022
Budget and Leadership.

Come join us for our Charge Conference!

Fiscal Year Ends

This is just a reminder that June 30, 2021 marks the end of the current fiscal year. Pledge contributions need to be in the church office by June 30, 2021 or postmarked by June 30, 2021. If you need to know the status of your financial promise for the 2020-2021 year, please contact Diane Ladd at dladd@trinityumc.net or 288-6056.

Student Ministry Summer Interns

Trinity is excited to announce that we have two Student Ministry Interns this summer!

They can be reached via email at students@trinityumc.net. Now let's find out a little about both our interns.

"My name is **Russell Swartz** and I'm honored to be serving as one of the student ministry interns this summer. I have been a member of Trinity United Methodist Church since birth, and its congregation has taught me the values of hard work, leadership, and selfless service. I graduated from Douglas Freeman High School in 2020 and just finished my freshman year at Virginia Tech. When I am not at church or school, you might find me playing soccer, hiking, or taking my pug on a walk. I look forward to working with the staff, congregation, and youth over the next few months, and please make sure you stop in and say hello when you get a chance."



Lucy McLaughlin is excited to co-star with Russell Swartz in the up and coming role of student ministries interim intern. You may have seen her in previous Trinity United Methodist Church productions such as lead singer in the youth praise team, youth handbell ringer, acolyte, and Mary in the Children's 2011 Christmas Pageant, just to name a few. When Lucy is not playing roles in Trinity UMC productions, you may find her starring as an Elementary Education student at Longwood University, a preschool teacher at CLC, or a professional karaoke singer anywhere someone will give her a mic. Lucy would like to thank her mother Suzanne for giving her the genetics to execute quality performance, her step-father Rick for her many driving lessons to and from rehearsals, her sister Emily for paving the road before her, and her sister Erica for sharing the spotlight. Now let's enjoy the production of Summer 2021 together!





What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?



Join us Sunday, June 13th for a Parking Lot Bike Party!! We will be meeting in the back parking lot over by the Trinity Hall entrance. Come anytime between 4 and 5pm. We will have bike courses and a bike decorating station! We will also have yard games!

TRANSIT

4th - 5th Grade

Our preteen ministry, Transit, for our 4th and 5th graders, is meeting this month on Sunday, June 6th from 5-6:15pm! Join us for games, fun activities, and a bible study! Rising 4th graders are invited to join us as well!!



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAYS IN AUGUST FROM 4-5:30PM

Trinity Kids Ministry will be hosting a family camp Sunday evenings in August!! Families will gather together in Trinity Hall for dinner and then participate in games and activities together! More details will be shared soon!!

As the church reopens more fully in June, Trinity Kids will also be reopening!!

What will reopening look like for the summer?

9:00am – Outdoor Modern Worship Service

- Worship bags will be available for kids to use during the service
- Kids will remain in the worship service with parents

10:00am – Discipleship Hour

- Nursery will be open for 2 year olds and younger
- Preschool kids will be meeting outside on the playground (Eaton Hall will be used in the event of bad weather or excessive heat)
- Elementary school kids will meet in Trinity Hall

11:00am – Indoor Traditional Worship Service

- Worship bags will be available for kids to use during the service
- Kids will remain in the worship service with parents

Children ages 5 years and older will need to wear a face mask when inside the building. All adults serving in the kids ministry will wear a face mask, regardless of vaccination status.

To help us properly staff our kids spaces on Sundays this summer, we are asking that you register your kids if you are planning to attend.

Reach out to Pastor Hung Su Lim if you would like to get connected to a small group or Sunday school class during the discipleship hour!



Thank you to the McClure Bible Study Class for purchasing bibles for our 3rd graders and kindergarteners!



Update From The Trustees

Trinity member and former assistant property manager, Clint Smith, once told me, “Bill, you should take this job for five years, and then move on to something else.” I didn’t listen carefully to Clint, I stayed an extra five years.

Hard to believe that Trinity has put up with me for ten years, but someday, I think the good Lord had something to do with this tenure.

We appreciate the congregation, the Trustees, the Finance committee, the Trinity Foundation, the Trinity staff, and in some instances matching funds from quiet Trinity members. Through this teamwork, we have accomplished quite a bit in those ten years.

Here is snapshot of some of the projects: Steeple replacement, new windows in Eaton Hall, Trinity Hall, and basement level of the Preschool, upgrade of the sound and media systems for the Sanctuary and Trinity Hall, purchased a new step van, improved access to Trinity Hall and the Welcome Center with two automated doors, improved security for the entrances to the church and Preschool offices, replaced all classroom doors in the Preschool wing, new roof on Trinity Hall, two new rooftop HVAC units for Trinity Hall, replaced dishwasher and both freezers in the Trinity Hall kitchen, interior lighting project, ceiling and carpet replacements in certain classrooms, upgraded computers for staff, replaced the main piston for the Trinity Hall elevator, upgraded phone system, totally reworked interior and exterior signage, purchased the adjacent remaining lot on Rock Creek Road, renovated the main connecting hallway, and repurposed/renovated the Mastin room and adjoining hallway and restrooms in Trinity Hall for a youth center.

While we are proud of these accomplishments, the Trustees are looking to the future. The Trustees are awaiting an assessment report of our HVAC systems. This report will allow the Trustees to develop a strategic plan for replacement while reducing our energy consumption. While the Preschool/Children’s wing has served us well, all three floors need a facelift and repurposing. Presently, the Trustees are evaluating how to economically move these improvements forward.

We want to thank our Trustees Tom Kellam, Catherine McSorley, Pat Satterfield, and Kevin Mottley who will be rotating off this year. And, we also want to thank Jim Crowder, Hellen Culley, Susie Hildebrand, Bill Burch, Mike Estes, Rebecca Barricklow, and Linda Robinson who are still serving. Finally, we appreciate our vice-chair, Catherine McSorley, for her wisdom and guidance in finishing out this year.

If you have any questions about the work of the Trustees or if you are interested in making a gift to future projects, please contact Catherine McSorley or Bill Pike.



Trinity Foundation Awards Scholarships

The Trinity Foundation will award scholarships to six Trinity students who are pursuing higher education this year. The scholarships are made possible by donations made in honor or memory of: J. Stuart, Alma T., and Bruce **Graham**; Lee Edward **Galaspie**; David C. **Ekey**; William G. **McClure**; Alysia **Burton Basmajian**; and Irvin **Kennedy**.

Congratulations to the following recipients of this year’s scholarship awards:

Mary Warren Barricklow
Margaret Blackmon
Matthew McCullough
Keeley Messick
Abigail Oguich
Noah Smith

Your Trinity family supports you and prays that you will continue to grow in knowledge and in faith!

These scholarships are made possible by the generous gifts of Trinity donors. If you are interested in supporting Trinity’s students, please consider a donation to one of Trinity’s scholarship funds or establishing a new fund. To learn more about the Trinity Foundation, go to: <https://www.trinityumc.net/documents/TrinityFoundation.pdf>.

Thank You Jason Coats

Since September of 2020, Trinity member Jason Coats, was the chairman of the Trustees. Sadly, on the afternoon of April 17, 2021, while out on a run, Jason suffered a heart attack and died. That was heartbreaking news for Jason’s wife, Valarie, and their two children, Parker and Bradley. Losing Jason impacted his close-knit family, a large circle of friends, colleagues at work, and his church family at Trinity. As the Trustees worked with Jason, one thing was very clear: He was never shy about professing his love for Trinity.

Jason had served on the Trustees previously, and during that three-year term, he researched and developed on his own the technology and social media policy for the Trinity staff. In September, when Jason accepted the nomination to be chairman, he did not hesitate to take on this challenging role. The pandemic forced the Trustees to meet via Zoom, and Jason was graceful, caring, and diplomatic in managing these meetings.

The Trustees want Jason’s family and our congregation to know how much we appreciated his leadership and dedication to Trinity. In a challenging year, Jason was the calm and strength the Trustees needed. Please continue to hold Jason’s family and friends in your prayers.

Oak Grove/Bellemeade

Trinity United Methodist Church has long been active at Oak Grove/Bellemeade School, this is due to the passion and leadership of church member Bob Argabright. The latest project is an outdoor learning campus at Bellemeade Park, adjacent to the school. On Saturday, April 24, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$173,500 to help the initiative (pictured left to right: Richmond City Mayor Levar Stoney, Bob Argabright, Richmond City Parks and Recreation Director Chris Frelke, Virginia Outdoors Foundation representative Viola Baskerville.) The Trinity Foundation has also granted funds several times for this project and members of the Foundation were on hand to share in the celebration. Thanks to all who continue to support this important work.



New Plastic Pollution Problem: Face Masks

Sales of face masks skyrocketed in 2020: globally about 129 billion are used every month. Now we see littered face masks in parking lots and along roadsides. These are blown like tumbleweeds into rivers and streams, which carry them to the seas.

These single-use, disposable masks are made from plastic fibers that will break down into smaller parts that get absorbed into the water. These micro plastics are especially dangerous because they can pass through filters and end up in our drinking water, or get absorbed into the bodies of animals that humans eat, like fish. Marine animals can become tangled in disposable face masks or mistake them for food and then starve from malnutrition.

Especially now that we are reducing our use of masks, it's very important that we dispose of them responsibly. Following are tips from the Creation Care Committee:

- First: Don't litter!
- Cut off the ear loops with a pair of scissors. Without the ear loops, there are fewer chances of the mask entangling wildlife in case it ends up in the environment.
- Put the mask in a trash bin in a bag that can be tied shut with a lid. If they're thrown away in an outdoor garbage can without a lid, they can fall out or be blown away by wind.
- Alternately, put the used mask in a sealed plastic bag and then put the bag in the trash bin. Other disposable items such as gloves should also be placed in the plastic bag.

Even better, if you need to continue the use of face masks, use washable cloth masks! We commend the Trinity Stitchers for all the cloth masks that they have created over the past year!



Joys and Concerns

Baptism

Taylor McCullough

Our sympathies to...

Brent Belding whose father Steve Belding died May 17

Catherine Storey and Ross Tudor whose father

Walt Tudor died May 12

Linda Hart whose mother Sue Ellen Cahoon died May 10

The family of Stella Fritter who died May 5

The family of Gary Aronhalt who died May 1

Clint Smith whose brother Robert Smith died April 27

Scouts In Action

Hiking the Buttermilk Trail, Arbor Day Garden cleanup, hosting Henrico County Bomb Squad K9 "Gadsden" as well as practicing first aid skills with The Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad has kept the Scouts of Troop 799 busy.

On the horizon is mountain biking at Pocahontas State Park, Camping at Lake Gaston in addition to Summer Camp at Camp T.Brady Saunders. We welcome you to find out more about Scouting either by checking out our websites www.Troop799.org or www.Pack799.com, contacting Charter Organizational Rep. Dennis King at dennis.king1@gmail.com or visiting one of our regular meetings.



Newsletter
DEADLINE

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, June 21 at 4 PM for events taking place in July/August.** 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.