

The Trinity Window

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September 2021



Life Together A Year of Celebration

We are excited to begin the fall with the theme of "Life Together". We will use this theme as we offer monthly opportunities under "Learn Together" (September), "Heal together" (October), "Serve Together" (November), and "Celebrate Together" (December). We hope that new opportunities planned for the fall will help us live out our discipleship, bring people to Christ, share the love of Christ with one another, and build a Christ-centered community.

1). We invite you to mark your calendars for Fall Kick-Off Sunday.

We will release 12 videos from Trinity staff and members for 12 days before Fall Kick-off Sunday. These videos will be opportunities to learn about people at Trinity and a way to share our stories with others. The Fall Kick-Off Sunday service will be a combined and blended worship so that the congregation can gather at the same time and recognize us as one body in Christ. We will especially celebrate our ministry with the Swahili/French language congregation.

2). We invite you be part of our conversations and new classes.

Pastor Larry and I will lead a church-wide book study with "Life Together," written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This study will help us understand the nature of a Christ-centered community. In addition, there will be new classes and small groups offered in the fall. Each month, we will invite community leaders to share their community works with us and help us begin our conversations to learn and grow.

3). We invite you to come to Community Hour on Sundays

As Paul emphasizes the church as one body in Christ (1 Cor. 12:12), we focus on discipleship and invite you to be part of our community hour on Sundays. Community hour will be when all small groups, Bible studies, Kids and Students gatherings, and Sunday school classes are taking place. We hope everyone in our congregation would feel like they belong here and sense togetherness in Christ through the community hour. Our Fall Sunday Schedule reflects our focus and vision for the fall.

9:00 AM Modern worship service
10:00 AM Community hour
11:00 AM Traditional worship service

As Christ's disciples, we are an expression and a reflection of God's grace. It is God who has made us what we are (Ephesians 2:10). God knows us and promises to be with us no matter what. We are not alone because God is with us. Our hope is not in vain because our Lord is the risen Christ. With these truths in mind, we focus on rebuilding togetherness in Christ. Let's begin a year of celebration together! Join us on this journey of faith!

God bless you!

A Community Conversation

Healing is an interesting word. We always hope for proper healing after a surgical procedure for our bodies. But, healing can also be associated with our mental stability and our emotional state too. Clearly, we Americans have had much to ponder over the last several months. Sometimes, healing is as simple as talking and listening.

All communities have an assortment of leaders who help to mold and shape our paths. Some leaders garner headlines frequently, some work quietly behind the scenes. This fall Trinity is introducing a new program designed to invite community leaders to our church for conversation.

During the pandemic, Trinity members really gave of their hearts to support local food pantries. Your donations made a significant difference in the lives of individuals and families in our communities. On Tuesday, September 14 we will have a conversation with Norm Gold, the developer and operator of the Market@25th. This will be an opportunity to learn about grocery stores, food banks, and food deserts in Richmond.

For many years, members from our congregation have served as teachers and administrators in our local school systems and private schools. Education, learning is also a way to promote healing. On Tuesday, October 12, Rev. Roscoe Cooper, Fairfield District Representative on the Henrico County School Board and pastor at Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church will be our guest. We will learn about the work of our school board and also learn about Reverend Cooper's work in the community with his church.

No question the pandemic made each of us consider our personal health in addition to the health of our families. Like communities around America, Richmond experienced the ups and downs in responding to the COVID-19 virus. Health also provides us multiple opportunities to learn about ourselves and our communities. On Tuesday, November 9, Dr. Danny Avula, Director of the Richmond and Henrico County Health Departments will be our guest. With Dr. Avula we will learn about the challenges he encountered in leading us during the height of the pandemic.

Over the last few years, Trinity has developed a supportive relationship with United Methodist Family Services (UMFS). UMFS provides a variety of services across the state for children and families. Often the work by UMFS staff is the difference maker for children. On Tuesday, December 14, Nancy Toscano, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Jill Gaynor, Annual Giving Officer, will be our guests. This will be an opportunity to learn how our annual Advent offering impacts the lives of children on a daily basis.

We hope you will consider attending these events, and we hope you will consider inviting a friend or neighbor to come along too. A Community Conversation will take place in the Sanctuary with a 7 p.m. start time. The last 15 minutes of the program will focus on questions from the audience. Additionally, we are planning to live stream each conversation.

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

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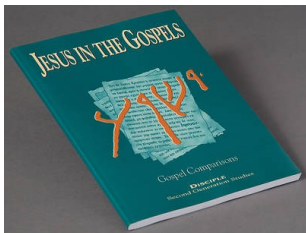
Twelve Days of Christmas or Twelve Days in September?

During those miserable hot and humid days of a Richmond summer, the Trinity staff was working and planning out the start of a new church year. Beginning September 1 and ending September 12, we invite you to watch a brief, daily video interview with Trinity members and staff. These interviews were built to help us learn a bit about ourselves and to reflect upon how COVID-19 impacted our lives, work, and church. The videos will be released each day via our church website and other social media. We hope you will join us. Who knows, you might laugh, drop a tear, or make a new friend.



Fall Kick Off

Trinity's Fall Kick-off will be **Sunday, September 12**, when we worship God in thanksgiving and celebration. The service will be at 10:30 AM and be a combined and blended worship so the congregation can gather at the same time and recognize us as one body in Christ. We will especially celebrate our ministry with the Swahili/French language congregation as we all learn from each other.



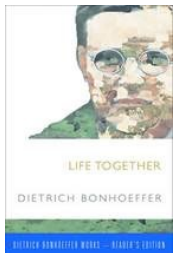
Pastor's Bible Study

Starting on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 AM and Wednesday, September 15 at 1:30 PM this year's Pastor's Bible Study will be studying *Jesus in the Gospels* published through *Second*

Generation Disciple Bible Study. Everyone is invited to either of the classes. For the present the format will be via Zoom (this could change in the future). Each session is 1 hour in length. All participants are asked to register with the church office, 288-6056 or via email ktingler@trinityumc.net. Each participant will need Study Manual which can be purchased through the Church office for \$40. Begin the program year by making new friends and growing in your faith and understanding!

Dillard Bible Study Group

This fall the Dillard Bible Study Group will be discussing "The Major Themes of St. Luke's *Acts*", a study created by group member Jim McCullough. We meet on Monday nights from 7-8:30 PM and are open to new members. Contact Dianne Moore (diannemoore710@msn.com or 240-401-5001) if you are interested in joining us.



Wednesday Night 3M Class

The 3M Wednesday Night Class will begin this fall by studying "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

The class meets Wednesday evenings, 6 – 7:30 PM, and will be meeting by Zoom.

This study will be 5 weeks in length and will begin the end of September. Books are available through Cokesbury and Amazon. Contact Judy Oguich to register or to answer any questions. We would love to have you join us!

ADVENT
2020

People Look East

Advent Devotional Book

If you are interested in writing a devotional for the 2021 Advent book, please e-mail Trinity staff member Kim Tingler: ktingler@trinityumc.net.



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Prayer Meetings

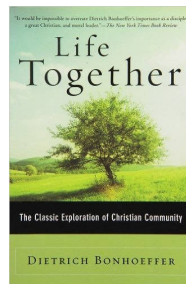
"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10). In a time of silence, prayer, reflection, participants are invited to sense God's presence, meditate on God's word, and share faith. This spiritual practice helps us experience a Christian fellowship deeply. You're invited to join the morning prayer meeting from **Monday through Friday at 6:30 AM** via ZOOM (a video/phone conference).

You can join this from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/6243348408>. You can also dial in via phone [no computer needed] using the numbers below:

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

If this is your first time using Zoom, you will be prompted to install a Zoom app. If you have any questions, please let Hung Su know at hslim@trinityumc.net

"Life Together" written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Pastors Larry and Hung Su will lead a church-wide book study with "Life Together." Dietrich Bonhoeffer is one of the most influential theologians of the 21st century. This study will help us understand the nature of a Christ-centered community. All are welcome!

Dates: 10:00 - 10:50 AM Sundays, September 19 through October 17

Place: Eaton Hall

Book: "Life Together" You can get a copy in the church office for \$12.

United Methodist Women

On September 14, Trinity's United Methodist Women will begin a new program year titled, "Knitted Together for God's Good Work." The pandemic has tried to separate us, but Jesus still calls for us to knit ourselves together as disciples. We will spend the next few months reaching out to various groups within the church to learn of their mission and how we can be knit together to better our community. Join us on the 14th at 10:15 AM in room 322 and let's get to work!

Trinity Students

Trinity Students SWAG: Summer Worship and Games brought together 40 students for an incredible time of fellowship, fun and worship!

Here's what Trinity Students had to say about SWAG 2021...

"It was my first swag this year and for me, I thought it was really important! Jenna's messages every night I thought were relatable to me, and they were easy to understand. I loved having everyone together to support each other and I thought it was a really nice experience to have. I 100% I'm coming back next year and I'm already excited."

"SWAG has helped me to grow closer with God because although we do a lot of games and crazy stuff, worshipping at the end of every night really makes me think and want to make my relationship stronger with God. It is also such a good place to be, with a lot of friends and adults that are super trustworthy."

"I was invited by a friend to come to swag and I wasn't sure what to expect. I found that Trinity has an excellent community to help lead you on the right path regardless if you go to the church or not. I learned a lot and had a great time!"

Thank you Trinity UMC for being a faith community that encourages young people in faith! A special thank you to all the adult leaders and those who participated in hospitality by providing snacks.



Trinity Students Fall 2021 Programming Updates

Youth Group

The centerpiece of Trinity Student ministry is Sunday Night Youth Group which runs during the school year. Youth group kicks off September 12! Typically, our youth group follows a Large Group/Small Group model. We will have registration for Youth Group this Fall so that we can form Youth Small Groups and recruit leadership. During Youth Group, the youth will be in a larger group setting an hour while they participate in a few games, hear a message and have some worship music; they also spend forty-five in small groups where they will do group activities, icebreakers and have a group discussion about what was taught in large group. Small group time is when youth will be in peer groups of their own age and have the opportunity to make friends and grow in faith in a more intimate environment.

Community Hour

On Sundays during the 10 o'clock hour Trinity hosts Community hour.

This Fall during Community Hour Trinity Students are invited to the Student Center for Youth Cafe from 10:00-10:50 a.m. At the youth cafe, youth will get the opportunity to fellowship, connect, serve and enjoy morning snacks (as covid guidelines allow). We encourage our youth at Trinity to serve during Community hour as well. Trinity Students are invited to acolyte for the traditional service, serve as greeters, serve on A/V and serve in the children's ministry in Sunday School and nursery. Need help plugging in to serve, contact Jenna jbush@trinityumc.net

How can I help my child become acclimated within the Student Ministry?

- **Bring them to Youth Group.** Talk to your youth about coming to Youth Group and sign up for Fall Retreat. Have them agree before they even come that they will try it out at least three times before making a decision about attending regularly or not.
- **Bring a friend.** Youth, especially Middle School youth are motivated by acceptance. Usually when they don't want to come to church it's because they don't feel like they have a friend there yet. Coming regularly and/or bringing a friend will help youth to have the relationships that keep them coming back.
- **Meet with Jenna.** You can come by yourself or bring your youth. You can meet in person or virtually. This will help us to know each other better as well as answer any questions you may have so that you and your youth are more comfortable. This is also a great time for you to share with us any concerns that might be helpful to know about your youth.

TRINITY STUDENTS FALL 2021 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

- 5 No Youth- Labor Day weekend
- 8 Youth Group Registration Due
- 12 Fall Church Kick-off
one service 10:30am
Fall Youth Group Kick-off 5-7pm
- 12 Fall Retreat Registration opens
- 17 Early-bird Student Late Night
Registration Deadline
- 18 DYM Day of Training
for Adult Leaders 9am-12pm
- 24 Student Late Night
8pm-12am, cost \$5

OCTOBER

- 11 Fun Day at Escape Room 11am \$10
- 24 Halloweenie Roast and
Fall Festival 4-6pm
- 31 No Youth Group- Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 2 Fun Day: 10 am-2pm \$10
- 1 Fall Retreat early-bird
sign-up deadline
- 5 Fall Retreat sign-up deadline
- 12-14 Fall Retreat at Westview on
the James Lakeside Lodge Cost
early-bird \$60, after early-bird \$85
- 14 No Youth Group- Fall Retreat
- 28 No Youth Group- Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 3 Students Serve: Parents Night Out
6-9pm (come in PJs - end with movie)
- 12 Youth Christmas Party (with gift
exchange) 5-7pm
- 20 Students at Busch Gardens
Christmas Town 1:30-9:30pm
- 21-2 Christmas Break

WEEKLY

YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAYS 5:00-7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 12TH- DECEMBER 5TH
PLEASE BRING \$3 FOR YOUTH DINNER
PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE

YOUTH CAFE

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM-10:50 AM
ON SUNDAYS WE INVITE OUR YOUTH TO
SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY, NURSERY,
ACOLYTING, A/V AND GREETING.





What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

What does Trinity Kids look like for the school year?

9:00am – Modern Worship Service

- Nursery for infants – 2 year olds
- Worship bags will be available for kids to use during the service (pick up one in the Welcome Center when the service moves inside; while service is outside pick up one near the check-in table)
- Kids will remain in the worship service with parents

10:00am – Community Hour

- Nursery for infants – 2 year olds
- Grow Preschool 2s/3s will meet in room 201 and 4s/5s will meet in room 208
- Grow Kids (elementary school) will meet in Trinity Hall until renovations are completed on 3rd floor of Kids wing

11:00am – Traditional Worship Service

- Nursery for infants – 2 year olds
- Worship bags will be available for kids to use during the service (pick up one in the Welcome Center)
- Kids will remain in the worship service with parents

KIDS IN WORSHIP

As a church, we value kids participating in worship! These resources are provided to help your child engage fully in our worship service and praise God!

IN YOUR WORSHIP BAG: you will find some basic supplies for kids to use during the service: clipboard, blank paper, crayons, and prompts to help you engage with your kids in worship!

ON THE SHELVES: are items you can pick for each specific child to help them participate in the worship service - children's bulletins (for both older and younger kids), tally sheet, sermon notes, etc.

Worship is for ALL ages.

We welcome your wiggles and your noise!



Opportunities to Serve:

- There are many opportunities to serve in our kids ministry as we look toward the fall!
- **In order to fully open our kids ministry, we must have enough volunteers**
- In our nursery and Grow Preschool rooms, volunteers serve once a month. Contact Jen for more information!
- Volunteers serve for an entire month in Grow Kids (elementary age). Sign up to serve here: <https://signup.com/go/vZHuVJU>
- Prayerfully consider whether you can serve this year!
- Middle and high school students interested in serving should contact Jen for more details!

TRANSIT

4th-5th Grade 

Transit is our ministry for 4th and 5th grade students. We will be gathering for an evening of games, fellowship, and bible study once a month from 5-6:15pm on these evenings: September 19, October 17, and November 21. This is a great opportunity for our 4th and 5th graders to gather together and invite a friend to join them! Watch for texts and emails about other opportunities for this age group!

TRINITY KIDS FALL 2021 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

**GROW Preschool/Kids Series:
Choose Your Own Adventure**

- 12 Kick-off Sunday Service - at 10:30am
- 16 Transit (4th/5th grade): Mystery Fun Day
- 19 Kids programming begins at 10am
Transit (4th/5th grade) 5-6:15pm

OCTOBER

**GROW Preschool/Kids Series:
Big and Small**

- 11 Transit (4th/5th grade): Mystery Fun Day
- 17 Transit (4th/5th grade) 5-6:15pm
- 24 Halloweenie Roast and Fall Festival 4-6pm

NOVEMBER

**GROW Preschool/Kids Series:
Plate It!**

- 14 Advent Kits available for pick up
Transit (4th/5th grade) 5-6:15pm

DECEMBER

**GROW Preschool/Kids Series:
Joy to the World**

- 3 Parents Night Out 6-9pm (registration required)
- 24 Christmas Pageant during 4pm Christmas Eve Service

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM

GROW PRESCHOOL:

- 2S/3S IN ROOM 201
- 4S/5S IN ROOM 208

GROW ELEMENTARY IN TRINITY HALL
(THEN MOVING TO 3RD FLOOR ONCE
RENOVATIONS ARE COMPLETED)

NURSERY (INFANT-2 YEARS OLD) AVAILABLE
AT ALL THREE HOURS
WORSHIP BAGS ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP IN
THE WELCOME CENTER TO USE DURING
WORSHIP SERVICES TO HELP KIDS ENGAGE
AND PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP



Joys and Concerns

Baptisms

Addie Reece Nichols, Ella Cecil

New Members

Matt Adamiak, Madeline Adamiak

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Myles Lanz who died on August 17
Larry Lenow whose mother Mary Ann Lenow died on
August 12*

The family of N.W. Chappell who died on August 10

The family of Pat Satterfield who died August 8

The family of Marilda Sommers who died August 3

The family of Dolores "Dee" Clements who died July 20

Sanctuary Pews

We have dedicated teams of volunteers who give their time each week to straighten the pew racks- clean out any trash, make sure there are blank sign-in sheets in the Guest Books, etc. – but we are in need of a couple of new teams (*one person can do this, but it's more fun to have a buddy!*). The commitment is to do this one week each month (*prepare for the 2nd Sunday and the 3rd Sunday of each month*). If you would like additional information or to volunteer, contact Paula Cadden in the Church office at 288-6056 ext. 201, or pcadden@trinityumc.net.



Thank You Notes

Thank you, Trinity family, for supporting **Westview on the James' Care & Connect** campership program through this year's Lenten Easter Mission Offering. Your gift will help give children and young people from families with limited resources a magical, life-changing week at summer camp. We very much appreciate your generosity!

Libby Burton, Westview Board of Trustees



News from the Trustees

On Monday, August 16, the first demolition crew arrived to start their work on the third floor of the education wing. During the project, there will be days when access to that section of the building will be limited. We apologize for this inconvenience. Once the demo is complete, we hope that the project will move quickly. Again, we appreciate your patience and support, and we thank the Preschool staff, our Trustees, Finance Committee, the Trinity Foundation, and a Trinity family for their financial donation.

Newsletter DEADLINE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, September 20 at 4 PM for events taking place in October**. 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.