

# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Corner



October means the change of season. It brings the first hints of crisp autumn air. But, it also brings our 2021 Dillard Forum, October 24-25. This year, we welcome Dr. Charles Gillespie of Sacred Heart University in Connecticut (see the accompanying article in the next column.) This year's Forum sounds like fun (and don't we all need some fun these days!) His subject will be Theology and Theater. Fun though it may be, don't be deceived. This is a very real, very serious topic. Nor should you think that this will be some obscure, academic treatise. There's a lot of drama in our faith and thereto drama is a big business in our lives and world. I believe you'll like it. And so, the play's the thing, the curtain rises, the show must go on! (Sorry, that's all the clichés I could think of on short notice.)

This is must-see entertainment! See you at intermission.

Blessings,

## 2021 Dillard Forum: Theology & Theater

The arts are important. They captivate and inspire. Our 2021 Dillard Forum will feature **Dr. Charles A. Gillespie**, Assistant Professor of Catholic Studies at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield CT. With a background in performing arts as well as in theology, Dr. Gillespie is uniquely positioned to offer an engaging and thought provoking look at both our faith and belief as well as popular expression and art. The Dillard forum will take place in Trinity's sanctuary in-person as well as streamed on Trinity's website.

### Session One, Sunday, October 24, 7:00pm

*"There's No Business Like Show Business": Spectacles and Christian Theology*

Is the church like show business? Can spectacle help us to know God? Dr. Gillespie will introduce some of the history of Christian thought, from Jesus' performances of parables and the Early Church fathers' worries about entertainment to contemporary reflection on theatrical theology and sacraments. We will explore the problem of an entertaining spectacle.

### Session Two, Monday, October 25, 7:00pm

*"You Will Be Found": Thinking about God on Broadway.*

"Flipping the script" from the previous session, Dr. Gillespie will examine a few popular Broadway shows. What sort of "theology" or understanding of the divine do we encounter in popular plays and musicals? Asked differently: what might theater reveal about the mystery of God and the depth of God's love for the world?

At 12 noon on Monday, October 25, we will offer a zoom session with Dr. Gillespie; to be a part of this, persons should contact the church office.

THE 2021 DILLARD FORUM

# Theology & Theater

**October 24-25, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Dr. Charles A. Gillespie  
Assistant Professor, Department of  
Catholic Studies, Sacred Heart University




[trinityumc.net/dillard-forum](http://trinityumc.net/dillard-forum)

## Healing Service

Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing. The root of the word healing in New Testament Greek, *sozo*, is the same as that of salvation and wholeness. Spiritual healing is God's work of offering persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships through confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Through such healing, God works to bring about reconciliation between God and humanity, among individuals and communities, within each person, and between humanity and the rest of creation.

As we have experienced brokenness, disappointment, sorrow, tiredness, and fatigue during the pandemic, we want to come together and experience God's presence and healing. We, as a community of faith, need to hear what has been missed and lost. So let us join together and remember what God has done for us and recognize what God is doing in our midst that we may be restored and healed through the Holy Spirit.

You're invited to a service of healing on **October 6, 7 PM**, in the chapel. This service will be recorded and uploaded to the Trinity website for those who are not able to join.



## Choir News

One of these days the weather will start to cool off, and the fact that Costco has had Christmas decorations out for the past 6 months will start to make sense! Your Trinity Choir is already starting to prepare for Advent and Christmas. With the uncertainty that all of us face, we've opted to sing beautiful, but easy music this year and maybe this is the perfect time to consider joining the choir. For now, our rehearsals are virtual and some anthems will be live (with masks). Please consider participating in Advent/Christmas music, regular Sunday worship leadership, or all of the above. Contact Charles Staples for more information than you thought you'd ever need at [cstaples@trinityumc.net](mailto:cstaples@trinityumc.net)!

## Save The Date

Save the date!

Hold **Friday, November 5** and **Saturday, November 6** for two church wide service day projects. We will be assisting local nonprofits at their locations in helping meet their needs. Sign up information and time slots for volunteering will be released soon.

## 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.

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.

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 PM 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.

### Tuesday, October 12:

Reverend Roscoe Cooper, Henrico County School Board Representative for the Fairfield District and Pastor of Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church

7:00 PM Tuesday, October 12

in-person & online



### Reverend Roscoe Cooper

Henrico County School Board Representative for the Fairfield District and Pastor of Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church

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## Conserve and Create Day at Bellemeade Outdoor Learning Campus

Please come and join a dedicated group of volunteers in creating this outdoor learning campus for our community children and families. We will be creating and edging native plant beds in our youth garden, leveling wood chips in our nature play area, removing invasive plants and cleaning up our creek which is the favorite activity of our youth volunteers. The next work dates of **October 16, November 13 and December 11** from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

We will provide all tools that are needed, but request that you bring water and gloves. Parking is located at 1800 Lynhaven Ave., RVA 23224. This is a wonderful opportunity to live your faith and worship in our beautiful park. We welcome your children.



# TRANSIT

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Transit is our ministry for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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: October 17 and November 21. This is a great opportunity for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to gather together and invite a friend to join them! Watch for texts and emails about other opportunities for this age group!



Families had a great time at our Parking Lot Party in September!



We had a blast in September on our Mystery Fun Day at Patterson Golf Park! Our next Mystery Fun Day is Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jen if you are interested in joining us for this next fun adventure!



We played some fun games, participated in prayer stations, and enjoyed popsicles!



Mark your calendar to join us for this fun event! We will have hot dogs and fun activities from 4-5pm and Jonathan Austin will perform a show from 5-6pm.



Join us at our next Parking Lot Party on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am OUTSIDE in the parking lot!

## Caring for God's Creation: Water Facts & Tips

Water is necessary for almost every living creature.

- 97% of water on Earth is salt-water; only 3% is fresh-water.
- 66% of the human body consists of water. The brain is about 75% water; blood is about 83% water.
- A person can live up to a month without food but only about a week without water.

Around the world every day, women spend 200 million hours collecting water for their families.

- 785 million people lack access to at least basic water services.
- 885 million people do not have safe water to drink.
- 485,000 deaths are caused by contaminated drinking water each year.

By 2025 –that's in only 4 years - half of the world's people will live in countries with high water stress. Meanwhile, 400 billion gallons of water are used in the USA daily.

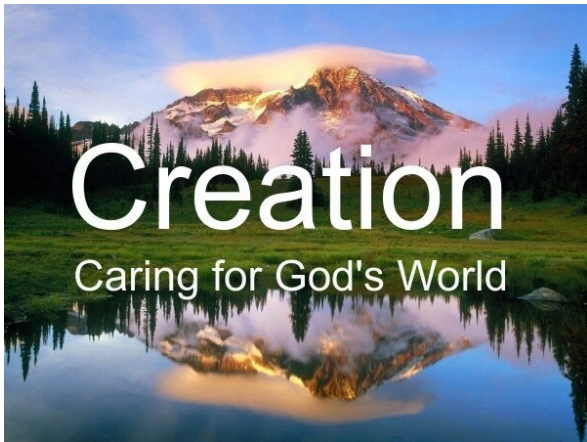
*Facts are from VIRGINIA TECH magazine, Summer 2021*

### How We Can Help

We all can make an impact, no matter who small. Save water by using common sense in everyday activities.

- Wash dishes in the dishwasher only with a full load.
- Cut off the water while brushing your teeth.
- Keep showers and baths to shorter length of time.
- Keep water in the frig to avoid letting the tap run.
- Maintain your home pipes and faucets to avoid drips.
- Use a refillable mug; use bottled water only when necessary.
- Clean your car at a commercial car wash – less water used.

Look for one that recycles the used water.



## Trinity Student Events This October...

- 2 Student Late Night 8pm-12am, cost \$5 (**date changed!**)  
Register online at [www.trinityumc.net/students](http://www.trinityumc.net/students)
- 11 Fun Day at Escape Room 11am \$10
- 24 Halloweenie Roast and Fall Festival 4-6pm
- 31 No Youth Group- Halloween

Register for the Student Fall Retreat

### WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP

Sundays 5:00-7:00 PM

September 12- December 5

Please bring \$3 for youth dinner

Want to know what we are discussing at Youth Group?

Follow our "Parent Cue". Our current youth group series info is posted on the Student parent page on our website.

We've included October's Parent cue in this edition of the Trinity Window!

### YOUTH CAFE

Sundays 10:00 - 10:50 AM

On Sundays we invite our youth to serve in Kids Ministry, Nursery, Acolyte, A/V and greeting. Need Help plugging in to serve? Contact Jenna at [jbush@trinityumc.net](mailto:jbush@trinityumc.net)



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# Trinity Students



## THE BIG QUESTIONS

The Big Questions is a four-week series designed to help your youth find answers to their big questions about faith, identity, belonging, and purpose in Jesus. While your kid may not be outwardly asking questions about who they are, where they fit in, or what they're made for in this world, they're most definitely considering these things internally in this phase. This series will give them the foundation to build their sense of identity, purpose, and belonging as they grow and mature in faith.

### MEMORY VERSE

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10,  
NLT

### WEEK 1: OCTOBER 10

#### Matthew 4:18-20

Knowing Jesus changes everything

### WEEK 2: OCTOBER 17

#### John 6:1-15, Ephesians 2:10

You don't have to prove you're enough.

### WEEK 3: OCTOBER 24

#### Acts 16:13-14, Acts 16:28

You belong here.

### WEEK 4: NOVEMBER 7

#### 1 Corinthians 3:5, 1 Corinthians 3:7-9

You matter more than you think.

# Trinity Students

## ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



### MORNING TIME

As your middle OR high schooler starts their day, say something like, “I love you just the way you are,” to encourage them in the unconditional love that comes from both you and God.



### MEAL TIME

At a meal this week, talk as a family about ways you can discover more about God. Then, choose one of those things to try together this week.



### DRIVE TIME

On the go this week, ask your youth: “What’s something that was your favorite last week that you don’t love as much this week?”



### BED TIME

Pray for your youth: “I pray that [insert your kid’s name] will begin to pursue their own faith. Give me wisdom to know how to nurture their desire to know You more.”



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## We're back!

After a year of not meeting together, Trinity's United Methodist Women celebrated a program of community on September 17.

Our theme song for this year "Here I Am Lord" encourages us to go knowing we go with God. It's not our abilities or skills that God requires. It's our availability. We show up and give what we have and watch God work. We know what Jesus did with 2 fish and 5 barley loaves. What will He do with our offerings? Come join us and find out!

Our prayer as we get up and running again, in Jesus' name, is health and safety for all in our church family. Judge slow and love quick, dear ones. Let our neighbors know we are Christians by our love.

In service to our Lord,  
Jo

## 2021-2022 Officers

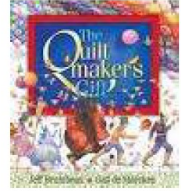
**President:** Jo Lewis  
**Vice-President:** Janet Hill  
**Secretary:** Gail Clelland  
**Treasurer:** Shari Adams  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Leah Decker

## Mission Coordinators

**Spiritual Growth:** Pat Rollison  
**Hermitage Guild:** Nancy Miller & Judy Putnam  
**Service Day Coordinator:** Doris Clements  
**Covenant Woods:** Catherine Norton  
**Hospitality:** Janet Keene & Betty Allen  
**Membership:** Angela Trevvett  
**UMCOR Kits:** Rhunell Pierce  
**Micah Initiative (Oak Grove ES) and Sherborne Food Pantry:** Karen Adams  
**Staff Liaison:** Judy Oguich

## Coming Attraction: The Quiltmaker's Gift

Everyone is invited to **room 324** on **Tuesday, October 12** at **10 AM** as speaker Gail Clelland tells us of a wise quiltmaker and a greedy king. Then leads us in an examination of generosity and what brings happiness.



## Save the Date!

**Come one, come all, bring a friend!**

**November 9** – Harvest Day  
"The Give and Take of Gratitude"  
Speaker: Judy Oguich

**December 14** – Service Day

Virtual attendance links will be on the website.

## Circle News

We have seven circles – new members welcome!

**Circle 4** – we will meet via Zoom on October 7 to discuss the Rev. Susan Sparks' book 'Love, a Tiara and a Cupcake: Three Secrets to Finding Happy'.

**Circle 6** – We will be providing a meal for Kids Club at Central UMC on Sunday October 3. Our October program will be 'Caring for each other in Community' – October 5 at 10:30 in room 319.

**Circle 10** – In September we met for dinner outside and wrote 124 supportive letters to soldiers to be distributed to them for Christmas by A Soldier's Hands. Local writer Tom Allen will speak on the topic 'My God Has a Sense of Humor' when we meet in the Welcome Center on October 7.

Other Circles are still in the planning stage for this year – projects and meetings will be posted on the website.

More news and contact information: [United Methodist Women \(UMW\) | Trinity United Methodist Church \(trinityumc.net\)](http://United Methodist Women (UMW) | Trinity United Methodist Church (trinityumc.net))

## Joys and Concerns

### Baptism

*Karsyn Utley*

### New Members

*J.P. Perkins, Katherine Perkins, Pat Cerny, Milton Cerny*

### Our sympathies to...

*The family of Rev. Doug Hill who died September 26  
The family of Betty Compton who died August 19  
Karin Buettner whose mother Hedwig Buettner died  
August 4*

## Thank You Notes

Thank you all so much for all the love and support: cards, prayers, memorial gifts, and a quilt following the passing of my mother last month. Amy and I certainly felt surrounded and uplifted by your love and prayers. Mom was a lifelong Methodist and very active in her church. She would have greatly appreciated your response. I know we certainly do! Again, thank you.

In Christ's love,

**Larry Lenow**

Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

I am so appreciative of the generosity you have shown the **Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic**. This donation will help many Native Americans with their pharmacy and medical needs. I can not tell you how wonderful your church has been to us!

Sincerely,

**Diane Garrison**

## Gifts were received at Trinity.....

In honor of **Larry Lenow** for **UMCOR**

In memory of **Pat Satterfield** for **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Pat Satterfield** for **UMW Legacy Fund**

In memory of **Bill Chappell** for **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**

In memory of **Mary Ann Lenow** for **UMCOR-Haiti Earthquake Relief**

In memory of **Betty Compton** for **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**.



## News from the Trustees

On Monday, September 13, the Trustees elected Nell Smith as recording secretary, Joe Andrews as vice chair, and Jim Crowder as chair for 2021-22.

Also, the Trustees would like to thank Keith Reynolds and Randy Johnson for summer thunderstorms cleanup, and Mike Estes for his help in coordinating the preconstruction logistics for the Kids Church project.



The neighborhood cat likes to attend our 9 AM worship service too!

**Newsletter DEADLINE** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, October 18 at 4 PM for events taking place in November**. 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](mailto:ktingler@trinityumc.net).