

The Trinity Window

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January 2022

Pastor's Corner



Happy New Year! Once again as we turn our calendars and start a new year, we hope and pray that 2022 may open a new chapter on our world and in our lives. May this pandemic soon be in the rearview mirror. May strife, violence and hate fall to our better selves. May we gain a new and greater sense of gratitude for all the blessings around us.

As I ponder these things I find myself often using the phrase “people of faith” with the implication that “people of faith” encounter and respond to life differently than those who are not so. But, then I remember that there are two different ways that this description can be interpreted. “People of faith” can simply mean those people, of whatever sect, who have a faith in God. It implies that there is a Supreme Being, a deity. It means that the world is not random, and that there is meaning to it all. Certainly, this world view should impact how a “person of faith” understands and reacts to daily life.

But, the term can also have another meaning. “People of faith” can also mean more than simply a religious belief, a world view. It can also be descriptive, meaning people whose lives are *shaped and molded* by faith. For such people, faith is the center of their lives and being. It determines who we are and what we will do in every situation. Our relationship with God is the foundation of all our other relationships.

As we start a new year so full of new opportunities and new challenges, which interpretation best describes you?

Have a happy *and blessed* new year!

P.S. I also want you to know that Church leadership has heard the desire of many of you for a return to an early (8:00 AM) service. We are currently considering the programmatic and logistical aspects of that. Also, no permanent decision has been made regarding the venue of the 9:00 AM service. Stay tuned, 2022 promises to be full of new opportunities!



Christmas Eve Worship

Celebrate Christ’s birth at Trinity. We will have four worship services on Friday, December 24, for you and your family.

4:00 PM Family Service (This service will be Outside and includes the Kids’ Christmas Pageant).

6:00 PM Modern Christmas Eve worship service with Candlelight and Communion (also online).

8:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve worship service with Candlelight and Communion (also online).

11:00 PM Celtic Christmas Eve worship service. A more intimate traditional service, Candlelight, Communion, harp and music in the Celtic tradition.

Find the Christmas Eve worship services at Trinityumc.net/watchlive or on our Vimeo and YouTube channels.



Sunday,
December 26 --
One Service at
10:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE
IN THE SANCTUARY
NO COMMUNITY HOUR

Healthy Church Team Update

Survey. Following our listening sessions the Healthy Church Team (HCT) published a survey to receive input from the congregation. We thank everyone who participated and turned in a survey. 165 surveys were filled out and submitted. Of the 165 responses, 113 or 69% supported our current masking requirements until Henrico county reaches the moderate or low infection rate level as identified by the CDC. 50 responses or 30% supported relaxing them now. 2 responses or 1% did not answer that question. Of the 165 responses submitted, 93 or 56% supported the current food restrictions. 68 or 41% supported relaxing them. 4 respondents or 3% did not answer that question.

The full survey results are on the church website: Trinityumc.net/news/healthy-church-team-update

Current Measures. The HCT, meeting in December, has maintained our current Covid-19 mitigation measures. It is our hope and expectation that when the current winter/holiday surge is past we will be able to relax these measures. The current mitigation measures are available on the church website.

Healthy Church Team

Larry Lenow	Hung Su Lim
Bill Pike	Corey Booker
Jim Crowder	Alice Hirata
Mike McCullough	Sheila Pedigo

community CONVERSATIONS



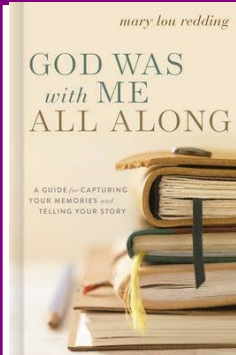
A Community Conversation

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. Trinity introduced a program designed to invite community leaders to our church for conversation.

The next Community Conversation is Tuesday, January 18 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary from Henrico County: John Vithoulkas, County Manager, and Eric English, Chief of Police.

New Book Study: God Was with Me All Along



Join Bill Pike and Judy Oguich on Sunday mornings, starting **January 9**, to journey through the book, God Was With Me All Along, A Guide for Capturing Your Memories and Telling Your Story, by Mary Lou Redding. Persons are encouraged to purchase their own book ahead of time. We will meet in **Eaton Hall, 10 – 10:50 AM**. We will discuss two sections each week, the schedule is below.

- January 9** Section 1 (The Family Tree) and Section 2 (Me, Myself and I)
- January 16** Section 3 (Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep) and Section 4 (A Merry Heart is Good Medicine)
- January 23** Section 5 (Home is Where the Heart Goes) and Section 6 (Heigh-Ho, Heigh-Ho, Off to Work)
- January 30** Section 7 (Milestones and Red-Letter Days) and Section 8 (Friends – the Family We Choose)
- February 6** Section 9 (Speed Bumps, Detours and Wrong Turns) and Section 10 (Where Two or Three are Gathered)
- February 13** Section 11 (Forgiving and Being Forgiven) and Section 12 (The B-I-B-L-E)
- February 20** Section 13 (My Heroes) and Section 14 (Let Heaven and Nature Sing)
- February 27** Section 15 (The Big, Wide World Out)

3M Bible Study

NEW YORK TIMES Bestseller
TIMOTHY KELLER

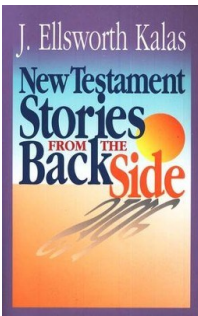
Belief in an Age of Skepticism
The Reason for God

With a New Preface



The 3M Bible Study Class will study Timothy Keller's "The Reason for God" for six weeks beginning **January 5**. This class meets Wednesdays by Zoom, 6 – 7:30 PM. Judy Oguich will have a supply of books, books are also available through Cokesbury and Amazon. Contact Judy Oguich to register and to get a Zoom link.

Timothy Keller, the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. Using literature, philosophy, real-life conversations, and potent reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. To true believers he offers a solid platform on which to stand their ground against the backlash to religion created by the Age of Skepticism. And to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics, he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God.



Dillard Bible Study Group

Beginning on Monday, January 10 the Dillard Bible Study Group will start a six-week study of “New Testament Stories from the Back Side: Bible Stories with a Twist” by J. Ellsworth Kalas. We meet on Mondays at 7 PM, both in-person (in room 319) and on Zoom. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Dianne Moore at diannemoore710@msn.com.



Care Committee to Meet

Our Care Committee will meet **January 13**, at 2:30 PM in Room 323. Our Care Committee keeps in touch with Trinity’s homebound through mailing cards and making phone calls.

New members are welcome; contact Judy Oguich for more information.

Need a Refresher Course!?!

This month Trinity will offer “Confirmation, The Story of God” as a 14 week course to 8-12 graders going through Confirmation. **But what about the rest of us???** How well do you know the basic understandings and beliefs of the Christian faith? Maybe you would do well with a brush-up course. We are going to offer the same course to adults. While the Confirmands are learning the Story of God down in the Student Center, the same class, covering the same material, at the same time will be offered to adults in the Chapel. Pastor Larry and a team of teachers will be leading this class. Everyone who wants to be confident in their understanding, grow in their faith and have a little fun in the process is welcome to join in. **This could well be the best New Year’s resolution you have ever made.** The class starts **Sunday, January 23** at 10:00 AM during the Discipleship Hour in the Chapel.

To register: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/TrinityUMC3/AdultConfirmation>

Small Group Ministry

Trinity strives to offer places of welcome, belonging, and growth so that we connect to God and others, participating in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. So, we invite you to consider joining a small group in the new year!

What is a small group?

- A small group is an intentional, interactive, Christ-centered gathering where people share life together, grow in the likeness of Jesus, and invite others to join them on the journey through connecting and reconnecting to God and each other.

How does a small group meet?

- The essential elements will be incorporated in small group meetings: prayer, Bible study, mission, accountability, and confidentiality.
- Each small group will have a facilitator who is supported by the church with instructional materials and other needed resources.
- Small groups can vary in size but should not significantly exceed 8 members for 12 weeks period, to allow for optimal participation and interaction.
- Small groups meet weekly. They have the flexibility to set their own preferred schedule and location for meetings. Each small group can decide whether to use this time for its meeting or pick another time.

If you have any questions about a small group or are interested in joining a small group, please contact Pastor Hung Su Lim at hslim@trinityumc.net.



Special Thanks

Greetings from Sherando UMC where we are the recipients of beautiful gifts from the Trinity Stitchers. We have thoroughly enjoyed having the hanging on the wall where we are now worshipping (a Ruritan Community Center) and distributed the pocket prayer shawls to our congregation and friends. It has meant so very much.

Last Sunday, Marco, a member of the church and the chief fireman who battled the blaze in his own church, presented us with the brass cross from the altar which he had dug out of the debris. I have included a picture of it with the hanging in the background.

We are blessed by brothers and sisters like you. The first day we had this in worship I tried to take a video with my cell phone of the 50 or so gathered for worship and a group "thank you Trinity Stitchers" but it failed for some reason. But please know we are all grateful for this expression of love.

We are grieving but moving forward. Isaiah 12:2 has been a source of support (see TFWS for The First Song of Isaiah). We have made it plural and sing it most every Sunday.

Again, thank you, thank you!
Rev. David A Rash, Pastor



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?



We had a great evening at our Parents Night Out Event in December! Trinity Church and Preschool families had a lot of fun that evening while parents enjoyed an evening out! Many thanks to all who served that night and the generous donations of families that will benefit Trinity Students and Kids Ministries!



Our January Series: A Day at the Museum

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
<small>John 1:1-18 John 14:6-11</small> WE CAN SEE GOD THROUGH JESUS	<small>Psalm 29 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</small> WE CAN HEAR GOD'S VOICE IF WE LISTEN	<small>John 2:1-11 Psalm 34:8-9</small> JESUS GIVES US A TASTE OF GOD'S POWER	<small>Luke 4:14-21 II Timothy 3:14-17</small> THE BIBLE SHOWS US HOW TO EXPERIENCE GOD	<small>Luke 4:22-30 Psalm 71:1-6</small> FOLLOWING GOD MAKES US STAND OUT

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)*

Museums have the unique ability to transform learning! Instead of merely reading words on a page, we can experience them through all of our senses! A Day at the Museum is a series all about helping kids interact with the stories of Jesus and connecting them to God. Jesus' life and early ministry helps all of us experience (see, hear . . . even taste!) and follow God in new, tangible, and real ways.

Temporary Winter Youth Group Schedule

As our church continues to strive to follow CDC guidelines and to keep our youth safe during the winter season, we are moving to TEMPORARY Winter hours for Youth Group starting January 9.

This January Youth Group will meet Sundays from 4:30 - 6:00 PM. This allows us to remove our current model of holding outside dinner and being subject to the weather as well as aims to provide a time that is close to its original and give time for youth to still participate in sports and get their homework done.

We will offer quick snacks and hot beverages outside for about 10 minutes at the start.

Confirmation 2022

As a church family, we are here to partner with you as you raise your youth to seek first God's Kingdom. One of the most vital ways we do that is through Confirmation. Confirmation is an opportunity for youth to dig deep and learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and part of the United Methodist Church. It is an amazing experience. Youth are often surprised by how much they discover about God and themselves. They also find that they enjoy Confirmation and have fun! At the end of the Confirmation classes youth are presented with the opportunity to decide to confirm their Christian faith.

Confirmation is open to any 8th-12th graders who has not yet been confirmed. Confirmation will kick-off Sunday, January 23.

Confirmation [Registration](https://www.trinityumc.net/confirmation) and more info is up now at: [trinityumc.net/confirmation](https://www.trinityumc.net/confirmation)

“Seek first the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously...” Matthew 6:33 (NLT).

Snow Tubing

Trinity Students are going Snow Tubing at Wintergreen on **Sunday, January 16!**

More details and registration at www.trinityumc.org/students/!



Summer 2022 Save the Dates!

- **July 5-9**, MFUGE Philadelphia at Eastern University Summer Mission Trip. Registration and more information online!
- **July 25-29**, Youth Local Mission Week and Kids Camp
- **August 8-11**, 6-9 PM daily SWAG: Summer Worship and Games.

Adults! We need you!

Sign up to serve Trinity Students with us on Sundays!

Trinity Students Adult volunteers are an essential part of what helps make our youth feel comfortable, safe, and welcome at our Student Ministry. Thank you for supporting our students! Every kid deserves and needs to have adults who support them and encourage them. Thank you for making sharing your time and faith with Trinity Students a priority!

Have questions? Contact Jenna:

jbush@trinityumc.net

Sign Up at www.trinityumc.org/students



Christmas Flower Tributes for 2021

<i>In Loving Memory of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Bernard and Lois Hill, Rick Hill, George and Mary Good, Helen Good	The Spotts Family
Brenda Wells Parker	Kendall Parker and Family
Charlene and Herman Moore	Dorothy and Dianne
Dave and Bobbie Shobe	All of Us that Miss and Love You
Davis Bottom	Wife, Hildie, and Children
Diana Boring	Hubby
Don and Al Pierce	Rhunell Pierce
Donald (Spec) Campen	Wendy Floyd and Carol Wampler
Elizabeth Mallory	Dorothy and Dianne Moore
Frances and Mack Dewitt	Margaret and Steve Dewitt
George and Rachel Habel	Mary W. Deal
John and Margaret Duncan	Bruce and Julia Leaman
Julian D. Adkins	His Family
June and Bob Rash	Carolyn Rash
Lauren Banks	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Lee Childress	Mary W. Deal
Leslie Trevvett	Mom and Penn, Jr. We Love You.
Lola and Norman Hilliard	Dorothy and Dianne Moore
Marian and Lester Jones	Sara, Waddy, and Kimberly Street
Mildred Hastings	Mary W. Deal
Our Loved Ones	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Our Parents	Eric and Judy Oguich
Our Parents	Chip and Pat Tribble
Our Parents and Grandparents PaPa and DeeDee (William and Evelyn Carlton)	Loving Family
Our Son, Craig, and Leila's sister, Mary Lu Windberg	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Parents, Betty Cross and Charles Chiles	Teresa and Mike Cross
Peggy and Jack Harter	Daughter, Connie Harter Burton
Randy Clegg, My Brother	Judy Oguich
Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin T. Price	Patricia Price Ruscus
Rev. Doug Hill	Judy Oguich
Rick and Alyce West	The Family
Roger and Mary Virginia Crew; George and Shirley Whitley – Our Parents	Tom and Kathy Crew
Sally and Cleland Leaman	Bruce and Julia Leaman
Shelbe Kearney	Matthew and Jacob
Spec and Vivian Campen	Their Family
Spec Campen, Jr.	George and Ellen Norris

<i>In Honor of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Amy, Jamie, Caitlin, Jackson, and Alexander Bitz	Sara, Waddy, and Kimberly Street
Andy, Katy, Sydney & Charlie Duerson	Rhunell Pierce
Brad and Jan Booker	John and Carolyn Simpson
Caroline, Josie, Hudson, and Ellie	Their Grandparents – Bill and Betsy Pike
Donna White	David, Kim, Emma and Mason Hearn
Gray, Corey, Hilton and Byrd Booker	John and Carolyn Simpson
Jay and Linda Robinson	David, Jonathan, Adam and Nathan
Judy Oguich	The 3M Study Group
Maribeth Pierce & Finn and Crusoe Wingo-Pierce	Rhunell Pierce
Mary Lou Cox and Roger Whitley, Our Siblings	Tom and Kathy Crew
My Trinity Family	Nancy L. Foley
Our Grandsons, David, Jonathan, Adam and Nathan	Linda and Jay Robinson
Our Trinity Children and Youth	Nancy L. Foley
Pat Tribble	Chip Tribble
Rev. M. Thomas Lott	Mary W. Deal
Sue Watkins	Wendy Floyd and Carol Wampler
Trinity Choir	Mary W. Deal
Trinity Ministers, their Family, & Staff	Nancy L. Foley
Trinity Staff	Teresa and Mike Cross
Trinity Staff	Mary W. Deal

TRINITY STUDENTS WINTER 2022

JANUARY

- 9 First Youth Group of 2022**
Tubing Registration deadline
- 16 Confirmation Registration deadline
- 16 Tubing at Wintergreen cost: \$30
No Youth Group
- 23 Confirmation Kick-off
- 30 Confirmation Class

FEBRUARY

- 6 Confirmation Class
- 13 Confirmation Class
No Youth Group (Superbowl Sunday)
- 18 Youth Late Night 8pm- Midnight,
Cost: \$5
- 20 Confirmation Class
- 27 Confirmation Class

MARCH

- 2 Ash Wednesday
- 6 Confirmation Class
- 11 Youth Mystery Fun Day
- 13 Confirmation Class
- 20 Confirmation Class
- 27 Confirmation Class,
Trinity Spring Festival, No Youth Group

APRIL

- 3 Panera Lunch Meet Up 12:15pm-1:30pm
HCPS Spring Break- No Youth Group
No Confirmation Class
- 7 Bruster's Ice Cream Meet Up 1:30pm
- 10 Confirmation Class
- 17 Easter Sunday
No Confirmation Class/ No Youth Group
- 24 Confirmation Class

WEEKLY

YOUTH GROUP**

SUNDAYS 5:00-7:00
JANUARY 9- MAY 15
PLEASE BRING \$3 FOR YOUTH DINNER
**TEMPORARY WINTER SCHEDULE FROM
4:30-6:00PM STARTS JAN 9TH

YOUTH CAFE

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

SAVE THE DATE

- June 4 Confirmation Celebration Dinner
and Rehearsal
- June 5 Confirmation Sunday
- July 5-9 Youth Mission Trip
MFUGE Philadelphia
- July 25-29 Youth Local Mission Week
and Kids Camp Serving
- August 8-11 SWAG (Summer Worship
and Games)





United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

From Trinity UMW President

Thank you so much for making our Service Day such a big success. It was so good to see old friends and come together to make our tokens of love for others. May Jesus the Christ be the center of all you say and do throughout the holidays.

Blessings, Jo

Service Day Projects



Christmas centerpieces for UMFS, the Hermitage & Covenant Woods

Christmas Poppers for Sherbourne UMC



Hermitage Care Bags (including stockings by Trinity Stitchers, candy cane mice by Circle 11)



Mini Holiday Loaves for Oakgrove



Health kits for MHEC
Bags of cookies and notes of encouragement for AA



“Persistence in Mission” January 11 at 10:00 Speaker: the Rev. Hung Su Lim

Rev. Hung Su Lim will share stories of the Korean church, its history, and mission that tell us how God has worked in the Korean church and its people.



Come! Gain a new perspective on this mission. Join us in room 324 for this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow. Or join on Zoom: meeting ID 883 1244 2806 Passcode: 402458

Harvest Day Offering

We collected \$1,140 for Harvest Day. The offering will be donated to the Richmond District for missions involving women and children.

Thank you!

Save the Date! Come one, come all, bring a friend!

February 8 – “This Is Our Father’s World”

Presentation by
the Creation Care Committee



Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity members,

Thank you for your many prayers, phone calls, text messages, emails, greeting cards and messages on social media that you sent to me and to my parents this year while I have been living in northwestern PA with them as they each faced serious health issues. They were very encouraging to us. Thank you also for each of the birthday cards that you sent to my parents this summer in celebration of their 79th birthdays. You helped me to make their birthdays (and what turned out to be my mom's final birthday) extremely joyous. The death of my mom (and my dad's wife of 58 years), Marty Adams, on November 13 has been very difficult for our family, but the many sympathy cards and messages of prayers we received helped us to remember that we were not alone during our time of grief, and they provided us with a great deal of comfort.

Thank you so much for your support this year. I hope 2022 will be a good year for all of us.

Sincerely,
Shari Adams

Thank you for the prayers, calls, and cards that we received as Ralph recovers from surgery. We also appreciate the altar flowers and prayer square from the Trinity Stitchers. We are so very fortunate to be a part of such a caring and compassionate church family.

Ralph and Susan Freeman

A very special thank you to everyone who helped with the Advent devotional book. We appreciate the volunteer writers, editors, and guidance from Dianne Moore, Judy Oguich, Bill Pike and Kim Tingler.

During the pandemic, the Trinity congregation has been very generous in providing help to people in the Richmond community. The Trinity Staff is greatly appreciative of your willingness to give of yourselves. Please know that the leadership at the nonprofits you have assisted love your kind hearts.

Joys and Concerns

Our sympathies to...

*Anne Beck whose brother-in-law Al Callender died
December 16*

*Emily, Madison and Rynn Case whose grandfather
Dean Case died December 15*

*Dasha Runyan whose father Serbey Lifatov died
December 12*

Information from the Finance

Offering Envelopes

Have you changed the way you give to the church? Perhaps you started giving online or through Paypal. You may have reached the magic age when you can receive a tax break for donating your IRA distributions. No matter how you choose to support the missions and ministries of Trinity UMC, we are truly grateful for your generosity and faithfulness. If you find that you no longer need the offering envelopes that are mailed to you each quarter or if you would like to receive weekly envelopes, contact Diane Ladd at dladd@trinityumc.net.



Calendar Year-end Contributions

IRS Code 10170A-1(b) states that only funds received by December 31, 2021 or postmarked by December 31, 2021 may be counted as 2021 contributions. The date of receipt or the postmark is the key to determining the year of receipt. Thus, if someone hand carries a check to the church on January 3, 2022 that is dated December 31, 2021 it is a **2022** gift according to IRS regulations. But, if a check arrives by mail at the church on January 3, 2022 and it is postmarked December 31, 2021 and the check is dated December 31, 2021 or before, it is a **2021** gift. Please try to get your contributions for the calendar year into the church office by December 31, 2021. Questions, call Diane Ladd at 288-6057 ext. 203.



Winter Weather Decisions

Decisions for closing our building related to winter weather are tricky. Basically, we follow the closing announcements from Henrico County Public Schools. For example, if schools close early or are on a delayed opening, Trinity's opening and closing times are adjusted. If Henrico schools are closed, Trinity will be closed, and this would include all day and evening events. Our ability to re-open the building after a winter weather event depends upon how quickly we can clear our sidewalks and parking lots. If we can safely get people on to our grounds and into our building, then Trinity might return to normal operations quicker than the school system. Decisions related to closing the building on Saturdays and Sundays will be made based upon weather conditions at that time. Questions contact Bill Pike bpike@trinityumc.net



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, January 17 at 4 PM for events taking place in February**. 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.