

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner



*"If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of
evil,*

*if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of
the afflicted,*

*then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday."*

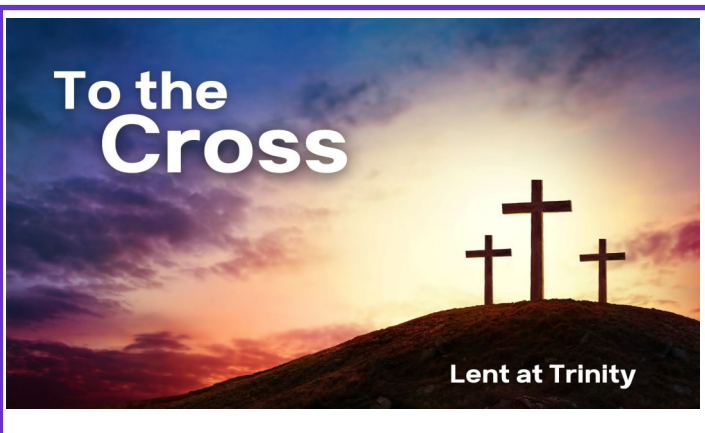
Isaiah 58:9b-10

I encourage everyone to read Isaiah 58. In this chapter of this great prophetic book God calls Israel (and us) on to the carpet. We are both admonished and given hope. The message could well be paraphrased, "Put up or shut up!" (admittedly less elegant than the original, but you get the point!) God questions Israel's fasts and festivals while at the same time promising that true and genuine worship, worship that characterizes lives of mercy and compassion, will indeed lead to blessing and restoration.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2. We need Lent. The world needs Lent. A little bit of self-examination, confession, and repentance would go a long way to sooth an angry, hostile, and increasingly violent world. The hymn says, "let there be peace of earth and let it begin with me." Amen. But, even as we again offer our prayers and penance, let us be reminded by Isaiah 58 that like our forebears' so too must our fasts and festivals characterize lives of mercy and compassion.

It is Lent, and not a moment too soon.

Blessings,



Ash Wednesday

Wear the ancient sign of your faith all day: between 7-8 AM on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Come by

Trinity's front doors to receive ashes on your forehead, no need to even get out of your car!

Pastors Larry and Hung Su will be outside and out front on Trinity's front steps bestowing ashes, and blessings for anyone who stops by.

Start your Lenten journey this year with this fresh expression of faithfulness. See you bright and early!

We will then continue with a worship service in the sanctuary at 12 noon and at 7:30 PM, which will include the imposition of ashes.



On Sunday, March 27 from 3-5 PM, Trinity will hold our first Spring Fest event.

It's been a long winter and we are excited about Spring! To celebrate the start of a new season and to gather together for a day of celebration, we are excited to offer Spring Fest!

Spring Fest is designed with families in mind, but is open to anyone who wants to come and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship!

Contact Jen Williams at jwilliams@trinityumc.net for opportunities to serve at this event!

Holy Week and Easter at Trinity

Holy Week:

Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 14: 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service.
Friday, April 15: 7:30 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service
This simple but profound service of remembrance uses music, readings and increasing darkness to strip away all pretense and to encounter the Passion of Christ.

Easter Sunday, April 17:

6:30 AM: Sunrise Service
8:00 AM: Traditional Celebration (*note time change*)
Celebration of the Resurrection: Choir, organ, brass, Holy Communion
9:30 AM: Modern Celebration
Celebration of the Resurrection: Praise band, Holy Communion
11:00 AM: Traditional Celebration
Celebration of the Resurrection: Choir, organ, brass, Holy Communion

Bring fresh cut flowers to decorate the cross!

Lenten Easter Mission Offering 2022: Heart Work

March is here. March is hope. March is a madness with the seasonal tug between a fading winter and an emerging spring. March is basketball. March is spring training for baseball. March on the church calendar is Lent, and the annual Lenten Easter Mission Offering (LEMO).

For many years, the generous hearts of the Trinity congregation have financially sustained LEMO. These acts of financial kindness have supported nonprofits in our city, state, country, and world.

This scripture from John 14:27: "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid," make me think about the people in our community. For lots of different reasons, we know there are troubled and fearful hearts all around us.

Donating to LEMO can help reduce the stress experienced by troubled and fearful hearts.

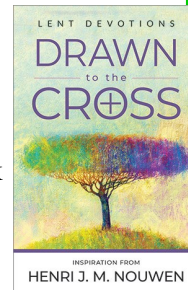
We hope you will prayerfully consider donating. When you do, it's a win for two hearts—the giver and the receiver.

2022 Lenten Devotional

Lent is a season of 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter. It's a time when Christians take time to grow in faith, pay more attention to God, and get ourselves ready to tell the sacred story of the death and resurrection of Jesus. In order to help us reflect on the story of Jesus in a new way this Lent, we are offering a different kind of Lenten devotional.

We have two different options for our Lenten Devotional this season.

We have copies of the devotional book *Drawn to the Cross* by Henri Nouwen. Pick one up at worship beginning **February 27**, or by coming by the church during the week.



If you'd prefer a digital option, we will once again be partnering with other churches for a twice-a-week devotional by text or email.

The theme this year is "Psalms our Lord Said." The Psalms are an ancient prayer book (found in the Old Testament of the Bible). These are prayers that Jesus would have prayed, and they are also words that the early church used to understand Jesus. Every entry will be written by a pastor (from one of the churches joining together to make this devotion) and will explore the connection between a psalm and a story from the Gospels. It's a great chance to learn a bit about the Bible and learn to think about Jesus more like the early Christians did. These devotionals are being shared at churches across Virginia and beyond.

The Devotional will begin on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and then will be sent on Mondays and Fridays during Lent. There will be a post each day of Holy Week as well.

If you're interested in receiving these devotionals you can sign up to receive them by TEXT or by EMAIL on our website: <https://www.trinityumc.net/lent>.

Maundy Thursday April 14, 7:30 PM

Join us in the Sanctuary for the Maundy Thursday Service.



Good Friday Tenebrae Service Friday, April 15

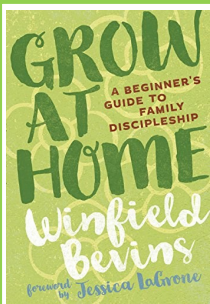
Join us in the Sanctuary at **7:30 PM**, this simple but profound service of remembrance uses music, readings, and increasing darkness to strip away all pretense and to encounter the Passion of the Christ.

community CONVERSATIONS



In September of 2021 at Trinity, held our first community conversation. These monthly gatherings have simply focused on having a conversation with a leader from the greater Richmond community. The goal has been to get to know our guest as a person while also learning about his/her impact in our community. We've learned a lot, and we've had some fun along the way.

On **Tuesday, March 8**, our guest will be the Reverend Dr. Hyo Lee, the District Superintendent for the newly merged Charlottesville and Richmond Districts of the Virginia United Methodist Church. For the first forty-five minutes of the program, we will talk with Dr. Lee from a previously developed list of questions. But, the last fifteen minutes of the program, we will take questions from people attending in the Sanctuary and those watching on-line at home. Program starts at **7 PM in the Sanctuary**. At this time, if you choose to attend in the Sanctuary masks are required. Here is a link for the live stream: <https://www.trinityumc.net/watchlive/>. If you have additional questions, please contact Bill Pike via email: bpike@trinityumc.net.

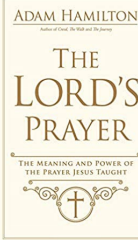


Grow at Home

Trinity invites you to a small group opportunity that focuses on families. We believe that our family is our first church. It is the place where we experience what God is like, whether someone knows they are teaching or not. This gathering is not a program, but a place where we share our struggles of parenting and ideas of how to cultivate the home as a place of reading the Bible, praying, worshiping, and doing missions together so that the family can grow together. We'll read the book "Grow at Home" for eight weeks and share our life. The spiritual growth at home can happen in our marriages by loving our spouses with the love of Christ, and it can occur by teaching, loving, and sharing our faith with our children. Please contact Rev. Hung Su Lim at hslim@trinityumc.net for more information. Even though this study has already begun, new members are welcome to still join! They meet on **Sunday's at 10:15 AM** in the **Library**.

You can purchase a hard copy at <https://my.seedbed.com/product/grow-at-home-a-beginners-guide-to-family-discipleship/> or a kindle copy at https://www.amazon.com/Grow-Home-Beginners-Family-Discipleship-ebook/dp/B01I4185JO/ref=sr_1_2?crd=1EF0D9SHIEHD5&keywords=grow+at+home+family+discipleship&qid=1640195232&sprefix=grow+at+home+family+discipleship%2Caps%2C65&sr=8-2

You can also watch its trailer at <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/growathome/167757320>

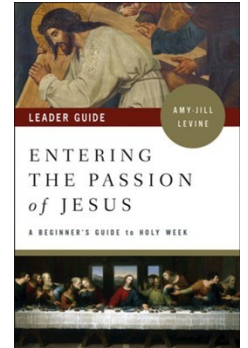


New 3M Study

The 3M Study Group is currently studying Adam Hamilton's "The Lord's Prayer." They meet on **Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 PM** via Zoom. This study began on February 16 and will conclude on March 30. New members are welcome (not meeting March 2, Ash Wednesday).

Dillard Study Group New Study

For Lent this year the Dillard Study Group will be reading 'Entering the Passion of Jesus' by Amy-Jill Levine. We will start this six-week study on **March 7**. We meet on Mondays from **7:00-8:30 PM** via Zoom. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Dianne Moore (diannemoore710@msn.com).



Healthy Church Team Update

The Healthy Church Team met on February 8. At that time the positivity rate in Henrico County was 23%. The HTC extended our mitigation policies for another month. The team recognized that the case numbers and positivity rates, though still high, are falling rapidly. The team therefore is beginning the planning process of how and when mitigation policies will be relaxed as the situation allows. The team will meet again early in March.



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Trinity Foundation Scholarship

The Trinity Foundation is pleased to announce that it will offer scholarships again this year to Trinity members for undergraduate and graduate studies. These scholarships are made possible because Trinity families and friends have established scholarship funds through the Trinity Foundation. Applications are available on-line. Applications must be received at the church office by noon on **Wednesday, April 6.**

To apply online go to trinityumc.net/scholarships, you can also download a copy of the scholarship form on that page.

Trinity students who attend Virginia Wesleyan University are eligible to apply for the Eugene R. Woolridge, Jr. and Jane Smith Woolridge Scholarship, established by Trinity UMC and Virginia Beach UMC in honor of our former minister and his wife. For more information, contact the Virginia Wesleyan Director of Financial Aid, Teresa Rhyne, at trhyne@vwu.edu or 757-455-3345.

Trinity Student Summer Mission

Trinity Students are headed to Philadelphia on Summer Missions July 5-9.

Please note deposits are non-refundable. No refunds will be granted following June 14.

Deposits due upon registration: \$60
Early bird Cost (by March 1): \$320*
Cost after March 1: \$340*
*includes deposit

At MFuge, Youth are divided into groups for Bible study and ministry based on the type of work they request. Adult leaders from our church accompany Bible study groups to the ministry site. Lunch is provided on campus before groups leave for site.

During the day our youth will be challenged and stretched as individuals; in the evenings, we'll have an opportunity to build group unity over dinner, worship, fellowship, and church group devotions.

MFuge is designed to give youth a mission experience that opens their eyes to similar opportunities they may have to serve in their own communities, learning to live life each day on mission!

Adults wanted! Want to join us? Learn more, contact Jenna at jbush@trinityumc.net

Youth Ministries

Want to know what else is going on with Trinity's Youth Ministries go to the calendar at <https://www.canva.com/design/DAEtX1LCJo8/view>



Lent Actions to Help the Earth

For Lent this year instead of giving up the usual item or activity, give up something or start a habit that will help God's creation.

1. **Take shorter showers.** Make it a challenge to take a five-minute shower. Showers are the third largest water use in a home. People on average spend 8.2 minutes showering, which uses 17.2 gallons of water. Just reducing a shower by two minutes saves 10 gallons of water. In addition, you will save money and reduce the amount of energy used to treat, deliver, and heat water.
2. **Conserve energy.** Run your dishwasher only with a full load. Wash clothes in cold water (75% of laundry energy comes from heating water). Unplug small appliances so they don't draw power when not in use.
3. **Do a plastic fast** for a day or a week to see how much plastic use you can eliminate. Alternatives for wrapping leftovers include glass, waxed paper and beeswax covers. Take your own bags for produce and groceries. Buy bars of soap.
4. **Go meatless one day a week.** It takes 12 pounds of grain and 2,500 gallons of water to produce one pound of hamburger. Giving up meat for just one day can have a big impact on the environment as well as your health. Meat and dairy produce greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change and use more land and water than other industries.
5. **Use your car less** – make a difference in air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Walk or bike when possible – good for your health! Take public transportation one day a week. Plan your errands so you can do them in one trip.

Access to Members Addresses

We have heard you – “Is there a way to access addresses and phone numbers of our members?”

Yes there is!!

Here are the steps to access that information, through our website:

- First you go to our website and click “Give” at the top menu bar.
- Then it will come up “Give to Trinity,” click “Give online” – even though you aren't giving to Trinity.
- Once you hit “Give online” you will be prompted to login with an email address and password. If you don't have a login already, click on bottom button “Need a login?”
- They will send you an email to create an account.
- Once you are in, you hit “Directories” on the top menu bar then “Family” or “Individual.” Then you plug in the person's name and their address and phone will pop up.

Please know your email address must be in our system to allow you access. If you have any questions or issues with accessing information this way, contact Kim Tingler.



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?



Trinity Kids Families – Join us on Sunday, April 10th at 10:00am in Trinity Hall for an AMAZING family event! Amazing Race: Holy Week is an Amazing Race style game that sends teams/families racing to different locations in order to explore the last week of Jesus' life on earth leading up to His crucifixion and Resurrection. Families need to register by April 5th (registration link will be shared as we get closer to the event). Volunteers are needed to run each location/station; if you are interested in volunteering; please contact Jen.



Transit, our ministry for 4th and 5th graders, is returning in February! We will be meeting this winter/spring on the following dates: March 20, and April 24! In March we will meet from 4:30-6pm for a pizza dinner, games, and bible study! If you would like to attend, please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/46un5ndc>



Trinity Kids is excited to announce Kids Camp this summer on July 25th-29th from 9am – noon! Kids Camp is for rising kindergarteners through rising 5th graders!

Kids Camp is a major outreach event for our church and we need many volunteers to make this event happen!!

Volunteers: please register here <https://tinyurl.com/54yb79tf> or reach out for more information!

Childcare is available for younger children when the parent/guardian volunteers for at least 3 days.

Questions? Contact:
Ashley Marshall (awpeelee@gmail.com)
Kids Camp Director
Katie Zimmerman (katie.zimmerman515@gmail.com)
Kids Camp Director
Jen Williams (jwilliams@trinityumc.net)
Kids Ministry Director



Trinity Families – Watch your mailbox for your family activity for Lent! Use these 24 action-packed cards to explore and experience the rich meaning of Easter as a family!



**United
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From Trinity UMW President

Our thanks go out to Dianne Moore and Jerry Clark for their excellent program on Climate Justice, a UMW mission priority. As we move forward into the season of Lent, we are preparing our annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial service. Let us all, as Easter people, prepare our hearts and minds to ponder what Jesus has done for us as the Suffering Servant.

Let's all gather on March 8 for this time of preparation.

Blessings,
Jo

Circle News

Circle 1 – We will meet on Tuesday March 15 at 9:45 AM in room 323 and assemble kits for UMCOR. Contact Catherine Norton or Linda Latimer for program information.

Circle 4 – As part of our February program, we collected more than 40 books for Oakgrove ES. On Thursday March 3 at 7 PM we will meet via Zoom for a program on International Women's Day. Contact Dianne Moore for additional information.

Circle 6 - We will meet in room 319 on Tuesday March 1 at 10:00 AM – our speaker will be UMFS Chaplain Jill Gaynor, who will tell us of new developments there. Contact Jo Lewis if you are interested in joining.

Circle 10 – On Thursday March 3 at 6:45 PM we will meet in the Welcome Center for our guest speaker Jenna Bush. Contact Sharon Wenger for additional information.

**Coming Attraction:
Love, Justice and Service:
Answering the Call
2022 Call to Prayer & Self-Denial
March 8 at 10:00 AM**



Join us for a program on the vital and vibrant ministry of deaconesses and home missionaries, consecrated laity who have dedicated the entirety of their lives to vocations of love, justice and service. These vocations include social work, education, health care, advocacy, immigration reform, anti-poverty initiatives, antiracism efforts, firefighting, legal justice and more.

Meet in person at Trinity in room 324 or join on Zoom: meeting ID 883 1244 2806 Passcode: 402458.

Save the Date:

Tuesday, April 12



9:00-12:00 in Trinity Hall

Flower Tribute at Easter

Easter is a time when we choose to honor and/or memorialize loved ones by listing their names in the bulletin on Easter Sunday morning.

The cost to have a tribute “in honor of” or “in memory of” listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin is \$20.

The funds received will be used to offset the cost of flowers used to decorate the sanctuary and foyers on Easter Sunday. Monies received above the cost of the flowers will be donated to Missions at Trinity as part of our Lenten Easton Mission Offering (LEMO).



The deadline for receiving your contribution is TUESDAY, March 22.

Place this form in the offering plate



Attached is my donation in the amount of: \$_____



Please list the following tribute in the bulletin on Easter Sunday:

In Honor Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

AND / OR

In Memory Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



Donor's Printed Name and Phone #: _____

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Living Your Faith

If you are searching a way to live Your Faith, join our ministry at Bellemeade Outdoor Learning Campus. The park is located 20 minutes from Trinity at 1800 Lynnhaven Ave. RVA 23224. There are many ways to share your passions with our wonderful children and families:

1. We have Conserve and Create Events from 9:00-12:00 the first Saturday of each month beginning **March 5**. We will be installing a drip irrigation system in our Youth Garden, spreading compost in raised beds, installing rain barrels in chicken chateau, spreading wood chips, and installing wire cages around newly planted trees.
2. Our Saturday Outdoor Club meets each Saturday beginning **March 19** from 10:00-1:00. Your children are welcome to join us. We have 65 Hispanic children ages 3 to 18 that join us on a regular basis to practice their reading skills, work in our gardens, help with our chickens, enjoy playing in the creek, and enjoying our self-directed activities area.
3. Bring your children to enjoy the beauty of our park.

The park has been a blessing to our community and has provided me a opportunity to live my Faith and make God's Love Real for our children and families.

Trinity Hall Kitchen

During the last two years, the Trinity Hall Kitchen has not been used much. Despite this lack of use, the kitchen would benefit from some kind hands and eyes to organize the pantry and some of the utensils stored in parts of the kitchen. If a Sunday school class, small group, or circle would like the challenge of this project, contact Bill Pike: bpike@trinityumc.net

Thanks for your consideration.



Joys and Concerns

Our sympathies to...

*Gail Turner whose brother Jack Terry died January 31
Elizabeth Hughes whose brother Reuben Bryant
died January 12
Sharon Bauer whose mother died January 21*

Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity,
We want to thank you for the cards, thoughts and prayers after the loss of my mother.

We deeply appreciate your acts of kindness and sympathy.

Thank you,
Sharon Bauer

Spring Forward!

Don't forget to change your clocks forward on the night of **Saturday, March 12**.



NewsLetter
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, March 21 at 4 PM for events taking place in April**. 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.