

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner



⁷ Remember your leaders who spoke God's word to you. Imitate their faith as you consider the way their lives turned out. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!
Hebrews 13:7-8

Transitions are hard. But transitions are also the way of life. As humans, we like everything to stay the same, sometimes fighting mightily to keep it that way. In our faith, we claim God is consistent and always the same. While that may be, the way that God deals with us is not a constant. The way God dealt with Abraham is different than with Moses, with David, with the Disciples, with us. Even throughout the book of Acts, the way that God works with God's people and the community of them changes.

My goal as the "new guy" is to measure change carefully, and only where necessary. Trinity has a long history that needs to be celebrated. While we can't do things the way the church did in the 1700s because the world is not the same as it was in the 1700s, we can use our history as a way to solidify our identity and use that to inform and energize our future. As part of learning that history, I want to hear your stories of faith, of history, of what's important to you. There will soon be opportunities to get together and have those discussions. Please take advantage of them.

I look forward to our time together, however long that may be. Holly and I are excited to be joining you in your journey of ministry at Trinity and the community surrounding it. We are blessed to be part of God's continuing plan of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I can't wait to see that transformation!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

Hello!

Staff Parish invites you to hold on your calendar Sunday, July 10.

On **Sunday, July 10**, we will welcome Brian and Holly Siegle to Trinity. A reception will be held in the Welcome Center at 10:00 AM. We hope you will join us in this welcoming!

If you have questions about the event, contact Teresa Given: tdagiven@gmail.com





Young at Heart Upcoming Events

July 19: Please come and greet and get to know our new minister, Reverend Brian Siegle, in the Welcome Center, beginning at 2:00 PM. We'll have some mingling, conversation time, a brief update, and then Brian will tell us about himself, his ministry, and perhaps his goals for his work with TUMC.

Tuesday, August 16: "An Afternoon with Mr. President" Come hear our own Harriet Thomas present a program on one of our presidents. Harriet is an historian bar none, you won't want to miss her presentation! We will meet 2 - 3:30 PM in the Welcome Center, with refreshments.

Tuesday, September 20: We'll leave the church parking lot in the TUMC vans at 9:00 a.m. to visit the Mansion at Maymont Park for a guided tour. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Then we'll go to the University of Richmond for lunch in the Commons Cafeteria by the lake. Sign-ups in the Welcome Center will be September 11 and 18.

** There are no age restrictions for Trinity's "Young at Heart" group! We seek to provide programs and events which promote fellowship, learning and fun. Please come, and bring a friend!! **

Our next Young at Heart Steering Committee Meetings: July 12, August 9 and September 13, 3:30 PM in the conference room off the narthex. Please come join us to help us plan our events!



Pickleball

Join Trinity members and friends for pickleball in Trinity Hall from 6-8 PM on the nights listed below. All ages and abilities are welcome. We have equipment (paddles, balls, nets) so we just need you!

Mark your calendars for pickleball nights (6-8 PM):

Thursday, July 7

Tuesday, July 12

Thursday, July 21

If you have questions or are planning to attend, please email Paul Brooks at jpaulbrooks@gmail.com.



Trinity Foundation Awards Scholarships

The Trinity Foundation awarded scholarships to eight 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:

- Annabelle Glassman** (William & Mary)
- Lilah Monroe** (Longwood)
- Ann Turner Barricklow** (Univ. Of Virginia)
- Clay Given** (Virginia Tech)
- Abigail Oguich** (James Madison Univ.)
- Emma Jordan** (Randolph-Macon College)
- Russell Swartz** (Virginia Tech)
- Eliza Sofinski** (Univ. of Virginia)

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 of gifts Trinity donors. If you are interested in supporting Trinity's students, 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>



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

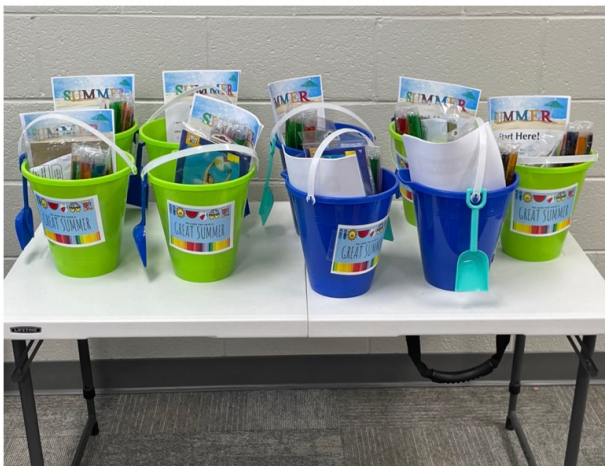
Summer Schedule on Sundays

There will be no nursery care on the July 3rd holiday weekend.

Kids Discipleship (and nursery care) at the 10am hour will be paused for the month of July while we get ready for Kids Camp at the end of July!

- July 10 at 10am - Reception for Brian and Holly Siegle
- July 17 at 10am - Kids Camp Leader Meeting in room 301/302
- July 24 at 10am - Kids Camp Decorating/Prep
- July 31st at 10am - Church-wide Pancake Breakfast and Celebration of Kids Camp

In August, we will have family camp for kids AND parents on Sunday mornings at 10am! Nursery care will be available for kids 3 and under at this hour.



Have you picked up your Summer Faith Kit?
Contact Jen to schedule pick up – there are only a few kits left!

Join our **NEW** Trinity Kids text list!



Text the word
kids
to (804) 500-5995

or sign up online: trinityumc.net/kids



Family Camp

Growing spiritually doesn't have to be an unsolved mystery! Take a four-week journey with kid and adult detectives as they dig into a few of Jesus' parables to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith, how to care for, serve, and love others. They'll discover that the answers have been there all along: spend time with God, spend time with others, use your gifts, and share your story!

This will be an exciting month where we will all learn more about spiritual habits that can help your family grow in their faith together! **Family Camp will take place on Sundays in August at 10am. More details will be shared soon!**



Student Ministries

Confirmation

Congratulations to our youth who were confirmed this June! They made a personal choice to follow Jesus. We are so excited and blessed to have them as full members of Trinity United Methodist Church and honored to be their church family!



Trinity Students are headed to Kings Dominion!



Sunday, August 21
Meet at Trinity UMC at Noon

Pick up: 10:00-10:30 PM
Cost for tickets: \$40
Registration Deadline: August 14

Already have a ticket/pass? Please indicate so up-on registration.
Also, please have youth bring money for two meals and any spending money they require.
Location: Kings Dominion
16000 Theme Park Way
Doswell, VA 23047

Leaders needed?
Can you come with us to Kings Dominion as a leader?
Email Jenna at jbush@trinityumc.net
We can't wait for you to join us for this fun day!

SWAG 2022

Summer Worship and Games is coming!

August 8-11 from 6-9 PM
Registration is now open for rising middle and high school youth for this fun, crazy and memorable time of fellowship and worship!
Register at trinityumc.net/students

Can you help make SWAG Happen? We need snacks, ice cream (cause it's hot outside) and other items to make SWAG epic!
You can help us make SWAG happen by signing up to bring an item on our Sign up Genius on trinityumc.net/students



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Church Chores

If anyone in your home comes down with iamboreditis during the summer please send them to Bill Pike. There are any number of chores that we would like to complete during July and August. Power washing, grounds work, and painting are on the to do list. Bill can be reached at bpike@trinityumc.net.



Farewell Thanks

We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility on Sunday, June 12. That midmorning thunderstorm made life pretty interesting! Thanks to Staff Parish and everyone who volunteered before, during, and after the celebration for Amy and Larry.

Thanks, From the Trustees

On the evening of Monday, June 13, the Trustees met. At this end of the church year meeting, the Trustees reviewed completed projects, peered into future projects, thanked Trustees who completed their three year terms, and dedicated four benches.

Please join the Trustees in thanking Bill Burch, Helen Culley, and Susie Hildebrand for serving our congregation.

The four benches were dedicated to honor former chair of the Trustees, Jason Coats, who unexpectedly died in April of 2021. The benches were an Eagle Scout project completed by Trinity member Matthew Estes.

As the Trustees work through the transition of receiving a new Senior Pastor, if you have questions or a desire to help support pending projects, please contact our chair, Jim Crowder.



Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic

It is that time of year for our annual campaign to help support the Mattaponi Eagle Healing Clinic. Last year the congregation of Trinity Methodist Church contributed over \$5,000 to help purchase supplies that included both medical supplies, vaccinations and personal hygiene items (including children's diapers) for the Mattaponi Eagle Healing Clinic. These contributions helped sustain services to native Americas of the Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Pamunkey and Chickahominy tribes in Eastern and Central Virginia. Diane Garrison who is the coordinator of Indian affairs was extremely thankful for our support particularly during these difficult times.

This year Diane is again asking for monetary donations because she is short of staff and the volunteers needed to handle the logistics of storage and distribution of medical and other supplies. The Eagle Clinic has made an arrangement with a local Mechanicsville drug store program that provides medical supplies, including prescriptions, baby formula and children's diapers on a more targeted and effective manner.

The Healing Eagle Clinic still has doctors and nurses administer patient care on an as needed basis. Your contributions will help support these efforts by providing the necessary medical supplies.

If you would like to make a monetary donation—make a check out to Trinity United Methodist Church and put in the memo line The Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic. Thank you in advance for your continuing support



Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic

Free Medical Clinic for Native Americans
and their Families



Old Cell Phones Needed

Please donate your old cell phones (with chargers, without service contracts, and with personal information removed) to be given to survivors of abuse to call 911. Bring them to Missions Central, the room down the hall from the church office toward the sanctuary, and leave them in the designated receptacle there. This is a great way to recycle and could save someone's life. (Anne Burch, 270-1661)

Apple Angel Tree 2022

The Apple Angel Tree tradition continues for the 2022-23 school year!

Apples for supplies for the Teachers of Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School will be “ripe for picking” this month. We want all of Trinity to have the opportunity to participate in this project, so we have split the applies into **in-person apples** and **digital apples**.

In-Person Apples

If you **worship in person** at Trinity or **are able to come to Trinity**, we invite you to choose an **in-person apple** from the display boards in the Welcome Center at the church.

Digital Apples

If you are a member of our **virtual congregation** or **are unable to get to Trinity in person**, we hope you will select a **digital apple**.

Delivering the Supplies

If bringing the items to Trinity, please double bag them in paper bags with handles. Attach your apple or a list of items and grade level to the outside of the bag. **Deliver to the rear of Trinity Hall by Sunday, August 21.**

If having the items shipped, please have them delivered to Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave., Richmond, VA 23229 and marked “Oak Grove Supplies.” **Items should be delivered by Friday, August 19.**

Financial Donations

If you would prefer to make a financial donation to the Apple Angel Tree, you can do this via check (memo “Oak Grove Apple Tree”) or via ACS (choose “Back to School Supplies”).

What is the Apple Angel Tree?

Trinity has partnered with Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School through the city-wide Micah Initiative for over 15 years. One of our most popular projects each year has been to provide much-needed school supplies. Over 50 Trinity families participate in this effort each year.

During the Spring, we meet with the lead teachers for all grade levels at the school and come up with a list of items the teachers would like to receive for their classrooms. There are about 130 apples that can be “picked from our tree” for the upcoming school year.

If you have questions, contact Karen Adams at 804-382-6477 or at kmadams1711@icloud.com. Thanks for your support!



New Shoes for Back to School

New Shoes for Back to School is a ministry carried out by a group called the Metropolitan Partnership of Churches/Synagogue. This year, the coalition is made of 10 churches (including Trinity) plus one synagogue. The group provides new shoes to K-12 schoolchildren in underserved communities in the metro Richmond area. This is the fifth year that Trinity has been a part of this ministry.

The New Shoes Ministry is continuing with its “Plan B” that has been so successful during the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of one distribution day open to the public, the organizers have reached out directly to area Title 1 schools. Each church/synagogue will again provide shoes directly to their assigned schools during the first half of September.

There are three ways you can help:

1. **Stay tuned for more details**, including sizes and numbers of shoes needed. You can purchase and drop them by the Welcome Center or you can order shoes online from your favorite store and have them delivered to Trinity.
2. **Consider making a financial gift.** This allows organizers to be efficient in purchasing shoes (often they are needed for older students). Please specify “New Shoes Ministry” with your donation.
3. **Keep the New Shoes for Back to School Ministry in your prayers.** The lead organizer is Third Street Bethel A.M.E., a church founded circa 1850 that shares a history with Trinity UMC. This is a great way to recognize and continue that important relationship.

If you have questions, please email Beth Monroe at bethmonr@gmail.com. Thank you!



Thank You Kim Johnson

For the last seven years, Trinity has been very fortunate to have Kim Johnson as our communication specialist. Chances are you have never seen or met Kim. That's because Kim, a Richmond native, lives near Haymarket, Virginia. Her husband is a Methodist pastor, and they have two elementary school age sons.

At Trinity, Kim was hired as an independent contractor. She worked remotely from Haymarket, participated in staff meetings via Zoom, and on occasion when in Richmond, Kim met and worked with the staff in person.

When it comes to church communication, no one is better. Kim has done communication work for multiple churches, districts within the Virginia Annual Conference, and for the Annual Conference itself. Kim is driven and dedicated to help church people with their communication.

Our website, social media connections, special projects related to the church calendar year, and helping Trinity staff and congregation with unique needs have been part of her work too.

Chances are that you have read and followed Kim's communication work for Trinity without knowing it. That's how good she is.

Losing her expertise leaves a significant gap in our communication leadership. Through her thorough and detailed training, members of Trinity's support and program staff will be picking up some of Kim's responsibilities. Additionally, a few members from our congregation are assisting with communication pieces as Staff Parish considers options for trying to replace Kim.

Building a platform for church communication is a long, tedious process. It also requires the communication specialist to be able to respond to new trends that often spring up overnight.

For Trinity, Kim has done all of those important communication pieces. She has positioned us to keep moving forward. We thank Kim for her behind the scenes leadership, and wish her best of luck as she takes on a full-time role for a church in Haymarket as their communication specialist.

Joys and Concerns

Births

Elizabeth Grace Keefe born on June 14 to Allie and Dan Keefe

Quinn Simon Miller born on June 10 to Aaron and Brandy Miller

Emersyn Louise Lenow born on June 9 to Catheryn and John Lenow. Her grandparents are Larry and Amy Lenow
Aoife Mae Robinette born on June 4 to Julia and Brian Robinette. Her grandmother is Hope Reisenwitz

New Members

Nicholas Verdi, Josie LaCroix, Sam DeFrancesca, Alex Saunders, JC Brooks, Meghan McPhail, William Birdsong, Ella Birdsong, Parker Coats, Briggs Robinson

Our sympathies to...

The family of Leroy "Mac" Elledge, Jr. who died May 30
Rev. John Hamilton whose son Jim Hamilton died June 11
Lynette Alley whose mother Odessa Brooks died June 14

The family of Lee Weidhaas who died Jun 19
Carrie Scott whose father Leslie Winningham died June 19

The family of Emily Elmore who died June 23

Thank You Notes

Dear Church family,

The farewell you gave Amy and I was both moving and humbling. The picnic was perfect (weather notwithstanding!) The love offering was overwhelming. The bench was so well thought out and appropriate. Your notes and cards got us a little emotional. And Charles' anthem was just over the top. Thank you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. And please know our continuing love of you.

Blessings,
Larry and Amy Lenow

**Newsletter
Deadline**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, July 18 at 4 PM for events taking place in 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.