



The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A season for everything

- 3 There's a season for everything
and a time for every matter under the heavens:
2 a time for giving birth and a time for dying,
a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was
planted,
3 a time for killing and a time for healing,
a time for tearing down and a time for building up,
4 a time for crying and a time for laughing,
a time for mourning and a time for dancing,
5 a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering
stones, a time for embracing and a time for avoiding
embraces,
6 a time for searching and a time for losing,
a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,
7 a time for tearing and a time for repairing,
a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,
8 a time for loving and a time for hating,
a time for war and a time for peace.

The world around us has seasons. Our lives do, too. Whether it be our own personal lives or our lives together as the body of Christ, there are seasons. Some seasons are highly bountiful; some seasons are more lean. There are times for everything, but that does not mean everything is preordained. Out of love, God gave us the gift of free will. It is our refusal to follow God's plan that causes the pain and hardship in our lives and the lives of those around us. Or it is someone else's decisions that cause pain in ours. I do not believe God causes evil and disaster. I do believe God works in the midst of it toward God's ultimate goal of good.

The world is seemingly out of control, which is terrifying. Our natural human reaction to the uncertainty is to hold on more tightly using our human methods and institutions. I don't believe that becoming more closed and protective is the desire of God's heart. I believe God wants us to become increasingly effective advocates of God's love and grace. That is a hard ask in today's world of division and mistrust and blame-throwing. It is, unfortunately, the season we're in. As people of God, we can push against this destructive season with a message of hope. Jesus demonstrated God's love by becoming one of us, sacrificing everything for us, and giving us a way back to God. Because of this love, we can choose to live with increasing fullness into the attitude of trusting God with our lives. Let us be attentive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and make this about God's time, not ours. Let this be God's season.

Jesus shows us the truth. God is with us. We are not alone. We have the Holy Spirit and we have each other. That's something special. Together, we can shine Jesus' light into a broken, fearful, hurting world. Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ,

Summer Lectio Divina Group Tuesdays 7 PM via Zoom

Lectio divina is a simple approach to scripture reading that encourages meaningful reflection and dialogue. Each week we will meet for an hour to explore a passage of scripture in conversation with one another.

All are encouraged to tune in—whether they intend to contribute to the discussion or simply to listen as a devotional practice. All through the month of August.

To join us, visit: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82660794314>



Reflect as a group on a scripture reading.
Make connections. Grow together.

TUESDAYS 7-8PM VIA ZOOM

Everyone welcome. Hosted by Aaron Miller.
Email amiler@trinityumc.net to join.

Discovering Trinity (New Membership Class)

We want to invite anyone who wishes to become a member of Trinity UMC to join Discovering Trinity Class. We will study with a book, "The Walk," written by Adam Hamilton and share an understanding of our beliefs, history, practices and expectations and build a sense of belonging and community.

When: Sunday mornings, 10 AM, **August 7 through 28**

Where: Library

Email Hung Su Lim at hslim@trinityumc.net for any questions.

Attention All Trinity Women

You are invited to "**COME AND SEE**" what the women are up to.

Date: **Tuesday, August 9**

Time: 11 AM-1 PM

Place: Home of Bonnie Andrews
113 Granite Avenue
Richmond 23226

Lunch meeting – RSVP to jolewis49@yahoo.com

What to bring: Open heart, your ideas and willingness to get involved

Our mission is to get to know God better and develop a support group of sisters who are having fun and serving others.



Young at Heart Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 16

Come join us at 2 PM to hear our own Harriet Thomas present an engaging presentation, "An Afternoon with Mr. President." Refreshments will be provided. Come and bring a friend!

Tuesday, September 20

Tour of the Maymont Mansion and lunch at the University of Richmond. We will leave Trinity at 9 AM. Cost of tour is \$15, lunch is on your own. Sign up on Sunday, August 7 and Sunday, August 14. Sign ups are necessary to help Maymont organize our tour groups.

Tuesday, October 18

A trip to historic Michie Tavern for their delicious southern lunch with a stop afterwards at Carter's Mountain for apples, mouth watering apple cider donuts and beautiful views. Leave Trinity around 10 AM.

Young at Heart is open to persons of all ages. All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship!

Virtual and In Person Gatherings with Pastor Brian and Holly

Pastor Brian and his wife Holly would like to meet and hear from you! Please sign up to attend an Open Gathering: one will be a virtual meeting on Zoom on **Thursday, September 15** and the other will be on **Thursday, October 13** at the church. Or, you can sign up to host a gathering in your home with other Trinity members. Brian and Holly are happy to meet many Trinity members this summer and fall to get to know our congregation. Take advantage of these casual opportunities to get to know our new minister and to give your feedback and insight into the life of Trinity!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A8A72EA64-fall>



Lay Servant Academy

The next Lay Servant Academy is **August 5-6**, with a special opening worship service online on August 4. If you wish to be certified as a lay servant, a certified lay minister, or a lay speaker, or if you simply want to learn more about how to be a faithful disciple, this event has something to offer you! This is a hybrid event, so you can participate online or in person. The in-person courses meet at the Virginia United Methodist Center in Glen Allen. For online courses, the cost is \$15 for half-day and \$35 for full-day classes; for in person classes, the cost is \$20 for half-day and \$40 for full-day.

Information is on the conference website: <https://vaumc.org/laity-district-and-conference-training/>
You can register at this link: <https://na.eventcloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=689982&>

Dillard Forum

The 2022 Dillard Forum is scheduled for **November 6-7** with Dr. Norbert Wilson from Duke Divinity School.

The overall theme of the lectures will center on the seeking justice in food ministries, we are still working out the specific titles. The first lecture will be about the hunger in America broadly, and the second lecture will focus on ways that churches work to address the challenge.

Professor Wilson's research touches on several food issues, such as access, choice, and food waste. He continues to work on food safety and quality issues in international trade and domestic food systems. Wilson is an ordained vocational deacon in the Episcopal Church USA. His work is moving to explore equity in food access.

We know you will find this year's forum relevant and informative. Put November 6 and 7 on your calendar today!



Yardwork is Good for the Soul

On **Saturday, August 20** from 9 – 12 noon, we'll be doing work on the church grounds. If you are interested in participating, please contact Bill Pike: bpike@TrinityUMC.net

Save The Date

On **Saturday, September 10**, from 9 – 12 noon, we are assembling a team of volunteers to work on the grounds of the Historic Woodland Cemetery. If you are interested in participating contact Bill Pike: bpike@trinityumc.net

Pickleball

We had a great time in June and July, learning, playing and just having fellowship. New people are always welcome – we start with a few minutes of lessons and rules but everyone has been quick to pick up the basics.

On the nights that we play we are in Trinity Hall from **6 -8 PM**, here are the dates for August and September.

Thursday, August 4

Tuesday, August 16

Tuesday, August 23

Tuesday, September 6

Tuesday, September 20

Tuesday, September 27.

We hope you will come out and join us! All ages and abilities are welcome. We have equipment (paddles, balls, nets) so we just need you!

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

Getting to Know US!!

We are excited to bring to Trinity "Tables of Eight" this September!!

"Tables of Eight" is an organized supper club of sorts. We will have an organizing event on Friday, September 30. After this first event we hope each group will meet every month/6 weeks in each other's homes for dinner.

Singles as well as couples are welcome to participate. At each gathering, the host is to provide the main course, everyone else brings a side dish or dessert to share.

The intent of "Tables of Eight" is for the participants to get to know each other - no study is involved, informality is key.

The deadline to sign up for "Tables of Eight" is **Friday, September 16** so we can get the groups organized. Persons may sign up by emailing Judy Oguich (joguich@trinityumc.net) with "Tables of Eight" in the subject line. Questions? Contact Judy Oguich or Jen Williams.

We look forward to getting to know US better!



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?



We had a fantastic week of Kids Camp!



Thank you to all of the adult and teen volunteers who participated in camp! Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for the week!



Thank you to those who prepared the breakfast for our church-wide pancake breakfast to conclude Kids Camp!



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.** Sign up here to attend:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849A9AB2EA4FB6-onthecase>

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



Text the word
kids
to (804) 500-5995

or sign up online: trinityumc.net/kids



Student Ministries

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



Trinity Students in Action

Our students had a BIG week in Philadelphia at MFUGE in July. Our team of 22 went for discipleship and missions-- we had a crazy, fun, challenging, unexpected and fruitful (and tiring) week!

I can't say enough about how incredible our youth at Trinity UMC are. Their ability to overcome challenges together, share with one another and really affirm what they believe and evaluate their faith was tremendous. Their heart for service is incredible.

Thank you! Thanks for supporting them in missions, for supporting Trinity Students and for being an incredible community where our kids grow!

A BIG thank you to our adult leaders (Courtenay, Joey, Jonathan, Bruce and David)-- they went above and beyond! Trinity students are so grateful to have adults who invest in them, care for them, love them and share their faith with them. Thank you!

Here's some of what our youth had to say about our week and our youth group as they reflected on the week:

"I've learned that I seriously can't take our youth group for granted. This week made me realize how important it is that we have each other. I found myself questioning what I've been hearing this week and I think honestly it made my faith stronger."

"God is always working, even when we can't see it-- always loving us, always guiding us, that sunk in for me this week. This was an incredible week for me to grow in my faith. It really made me want to be more intentional about what I do."

"I've gotten closer with my youth group. I had the courage to pray over my group after we served today and that was very powerful. I met new friends and I became wiser. I learned a lot about a different denomination and it was cool to grow in faith. I definitely grew in mine because I listened but also thought with my own mind. I know to trust God because He never fails. Overall, it was an unforgettable experience."

Thank you Trinity for all you do to support Student Ministries at Trinity UMC!

Jenna Bush
Director of Student Ministries

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 15. Registration and more information at www.trinityumc.net/students

Wanna come as an adult? Great! We need you (if you don't have a pass, we'll pay your way in), email Jenna at jbush@trinityumc.net



New Shoes for Back to School

New Shoes for Back to School is a ministry by a group called the Metropolitan Partnership of Churches/Synagogue. This year, the coalition includes 10 churches (including Trinity) plus one synagogue. The group provides new shoes to K-12 Title 1 schoolchildren in under-served communities in the metro Richmond area. This is Trinity's sixth year as a part of this ministry.

The organizers have reached out directly to the schools and each church/synagogue will again provide 50 pairs of shoes directly to their assigned schools by the end of August. Trinity's two schools are Harvie Elementary School and Barack Obama Elementary School.

This year, we are asking for cash donations only. Through a local retailer, we have connected with a shoe distributor and can negotiate a reduced price to purchase durable, high-quality shoes.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry with a suggested \$30 donation.

Donations can be made online via the Trinity website at www.trinityumc.net/give. Select "New Shoes--Back to School" in the dropdown menu. The deadline is **Sunday, August 14**. Thank you!



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 arrangements 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. You can also make a payment online at <https://www.trinityumc.net/give/>. Contributions need to be made by **August 15**. Thank you in advance for your continuing support



Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic

*Free Medical Clinic for Native Americans
and their Families*

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!



Joys and Concerns

Our sympathies to...

Steve Murphy whose brother David Murphy died July 8

Thank You Notes

Trinity family,
Thank you for all the cards, food, flowers and, most importantly, prayers for both of us in preparation for, during and recovering from Dorothy's hip replacement surgery. Additional thanks to the Trinity Stitchers for the beautiful lap quilt. We are blessed to have such a generous, loving and supportive church family.
Dorothy Woodford and Dianne Moore

Many Thanks

Recently, Joe Andrews, Keith Reynolds, and Jim Scott have given of their time and expertise to make improvements to sections of our church grounds. We appreciate their willingness to help out.



Coffee/Lemonade Service on Sundays

We love providing coffee and lemonade each Sunday morning for our church members

and visitors, but we need volunteers to make that happen. It really just takes one or two people to volunteer each Sunday. The setup is quite easy and there are directions in the kitchen area. We use the Sign-Up Genius website to plan our volunteers each Sunday. We have been scheduling each person/group for a period of three months. Right now, we're looking for volunteers through the end of September. You can use the link below if you'd like to help out one Sunday. If you have any questions, contact Mary Beth Utley at maryb.utley@gmail.com or 804-615-7079. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa8ab22a5f85-trinity1>

Living your Faith

I enjoy living my faith each day in service with the children and families of the Bellemeade Community. Since 2010 a group of dedicated volunteers and community and faith-based partners have created the Bellemeade Outdoor Learning Campus. The campus is made up of: pollination, rain and youth vegetable gardens, self-directed activities area, beehives, purple martin colony, chicken coop, woodland garden, bike repair shop and creek. I have learned over the past years that I can worship and honor God in the park. We have park cleanups the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. I'm in the park seven days of the week generally from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. If you have a love of gardening or being involved in creating our outdoor campus please join me. You can help for 30 minutes to 3 hours. I try to accommodate your schedule. The address of the park is 1800 Krouse Street about 20 minutes from Trinity UMC on the southside. If you are interested, contact Bob Argabright at rargabright@me.com or 804-310-1080.

You only have to come once to determine if this is a way to live your FAITH.

Gifts were received at Trinity.....

In memory of **Colleen Berninger** for **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Charlotte Forrester** for **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **George King, III** for **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Leroy "Mac" Elledge** for **Elledge Bible Fund**

In memory of **Jim Hamilton** for **The Samaritan Fund**

In honor of **Bill Pike** for **Trinity Trustee's Property Fund**

Newsletter **DEADLINE** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, August 22 at 4 PM for events taking place in September.** 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.