

# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Corner



And... *we're off!* This month is our kick-off Sunday, on September 11. On this day, we are rolling out "Connect and Reconnect," an initiative to inform us all about the groups in the church, provide a way to join these groups, and encourage forming new ones to meet the ever-changing need of the congregation. I invite us to think broadly in this regard and create groups that can range from a walking or biking group, a dinner group, another educational class, or anything we can think up. One consistent theme Holly and I are hearing in our listening sessions is how important small groups of all kinds are to the life of Trinity members. Providing the encouragement and forum for us to work on relationship and discipleship in these groups is and will be an ongoing effort.

Stay tuned: there's a lot going on! Pickleball continues on Tuesdays. Community Conversations returns this month, on the 13th. The speakers will be the four pastors from the churches immediately in our area, including myself. Our children and students have busy schedules beginning this month. The preschool reopens. Cub Scouts begin meeting again. Our church will be full of life and energy, at almost any given hour. This will be a key element to a great restart this fall. Be excited about all that's going on, and better yet, join in something. I encourage us all to volunteer to support the events of the church. Try something new. Participate in whatever excites you and is important to you. We always need volunteers for the children, students, worship, and mission outreach (among other things).

And the fun doesn't stop there! The pumpkin patch returns October 1. The students have quite a lot happening in October. A "pumpkin-palooza" festival is coming October 23. We have special events for the fellowship and the community scheduled all the way through Advent and excitingly different Christmas Eve services in planning. These are all invitational events to which we can invite our neighbors, friends, and family. Let's fill the church, create new relationships, and show the world who we really are.

Trinity is a vibrant community. No, we're not perfect, but we are looking forward. Let's continue to work together to be conduits for the light of Christ in this community and beyond. I can't wait to see what the future holds!

Yours in Christ,



Come join us for  
**Kick-Off Sunday Gathering**  
September 11, 10 AM

Find Out More:  
[trinityumc.net](http://trinityumc.net)

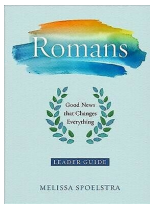



Join us for the **Kick-Off Sunday Gathering in Trinity Hall, September 11 at 10 am**. Representatives from Trinity's Sunday School classes, small groups, and church ministries will be present to share information about their offerings and service opportunities. Coffee and donuts will be served. We will also have a service project for all to participate in, so you can visit with friends and work together for a good cause. We encourage everyone - members and guests alike to be involved in the life of the church. The start of the church year is a great time to try something new!

Kids Church will be following their regular schedule and the nursery will be open. Please drop off your kids and come down to Trinity Hall to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Middle and high school students will meet in the Student Center. Let's build community as we gather together and kick off the year!

## New Study

There will be a new study being offered on Monday mornings. It is a 6-week study on the Book of Romans “Good News That Changes Everything”. This is a video series study led by Melissa Spoelstra. We will be meeting in person at Trinity on Monday mornings at 9:30 AM in room 323.



If you are interested in participating, email Deanna McCullough at [deannamccullough1@verizon.net](mailto:deannamccullough1@verizon.net) to let her know of your interest, and then go ahead and order your study book from Amazon:

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1501838970/ref=ppx\\_yo\\_dt\\_b\\_asin\\_title\\_o00\\_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1501838970/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o00_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1)

Week #1: September 12 (read through week 1 and completed your study guide for this first meeting)

Week #2: September 19

Week #3: September 26

Week #4: October 3

Week #5: October 10

Week #6: October 17

## Dillard Bible Study

The Dillard Bible Study Group’s fall study will be “*Paul and the Corinthian Church: Solving Problems in Love*,” a two-part study developed by Dr. James McCullough. Meeting on Monday nights at 7:00 PM via Zoom, we will start on **Monday, September 12** and finish Part 1 on December 12. If you are interested in joining us, contact Dianne Moore ([diannemoore710@msn.com](mailto:diannemoore710@msn.com)).

## 3M to Begin in October

Our Wednesday night study group, 3M, will begin its twelfth (!) year in early October. We meet 6 – 7:30 PM and we study works from different theologians and authors. Last year we studied Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Life Together, sermons by Dr. Douglas Dillard, The Reason for God by Timothy Keller, The Lord’s Prayer by Adam Hamilton and Esther by Beth Moore.

We plan to have an organizing Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 21, then have our first class session on Wednesday, October 5 (perhaps both in person and via Zoom).

Persons can contact Judy Oguich if you’re interested in journeying with 3M this year. We welcome new members!!

## Work Day at Historic Woodland Cemetery

On **Saturday, September 10** from **9-12 noon**, you are invited to help maintain the grounds at the Historic Woodland Cemetery. Volunteers can reach the cemetery by taking I-64 east and exiting at the Mechanicsville Turnpike/US 360 east exit to arrive at 2300 Magnolia Road.

Upon arrival, volunteers will complete a waiver form, hear a brief historical background about the cemetery, and then be assigned a section of the grounds for work. All tools will be provided. Volunteers are reminded to wear sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing for working on grounds—including gloves, hat, protective eyewear. Water, sunscreen, insect repellent are also helpful to have.

We look forward to seeing you at the cemetery. Any questions, email Bill Pike: [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net).

## Community Conversation

On **Tuesday, September 13**, we invite the congregations from River Road Church Baptist, Third Church, and St. Matthew Episcopal to join us at Trinity United Methodist for the start of our second season of Community Conversations.

Community Conversations is simply a conversation/interview with an invited guest from the Richmond community. The first forty five minutes features scripted questions, and the last fifteen minutes is reserved for questions from the audience.

For September 13 our guests will be the senior pastors from each church: Daniel Glaze from River Road Church Baptist, Corey Widmer from Third Church, Brian Siegle from Trinity United Methodist, and Steve Schlossberg from St. Matthews. We look forward to learning a bit about each pastor, their congregations, and how each church is positioned in our community.

Program starts at 7 PM in the Sanctuary at Trinity, and concludes at 8 PM. The program is live and also broadcast virtually. Immediately following this first program, you are invited to attend an ice cream social in the Welcome Center.

We hope you will join us for an opportunity to learn and enjoy some fellowship.



Senior Pastors from  
River Road Church Baptist, Third Church, St. Matthews and  
Trinity United Methodist



**community**  
CONVERSATIONS



## 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 continue 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>

### 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**. Persons may sign up by emailing Judy Oguich ([joguich@trinityumc.net](mailto: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!



### Cedarfield Celebration

Join us on **Tuesday, September 27, 3:30-4:30 PM** in Cedarfield's Fellowship Hall for our quarterly celebration! We love spending time with our Cedarfield residents, but everyone is welcome!!! We will have a Trinity update, sing a few hymns and have communion. If you can participate on September 27, contact Carol Wampler ([carolwampler@msn.com](mailto:carolwampler@msn.com)) or John Taylor ([jaydectay@verizon.net](mailto:jaydectay@verizon.net)).

## Celebration for Dr. Charles Staples

You are invited! We are celebrating the ministry of Dr. Charles M. Staples on **Sunday, September 25** beginning with a concert at **3 PM** in the sanctuary. The concert will feature some of our favorite voices: Anne O'Byrne, Tracy Welborn, Pablo Talamante, The Trinity Choir and of course, Dr. Charles Staples. Following the concert, the celebration will continue with a reception. We hope you will plan to be there to help us celebrate this most gifted servant of God.

In appreciation for his 32 years of ministry, you are invited to participate in a love offering for Charles as he retires. To do so you can either write a check to Trinity and put love offering in the memo or you can go to <https://www.trinityumc.net/give/> and give online.



### Innovating for Love

Innovating for Love

Joining God's Expedition through

Christian Social Innovation

Kenda Creasy Dean

Have you thought about being innovators as Christians? What distinctive ways can we offer to today's hurting world? Author Kenda Creasy Dean writes about a compassion-driven, grace-drenched version of humanity which is our model, Jesus, and invites us to think his way as social innovation because we are not called to build a better church, but we are called to go and tell about who is doing a new thing. Together, we'll read her book, "Innovating for Love," and discuss ways to be part of God's innovation.

Dates and Times: **September 9 - October 9**, Fridays, 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, and Sundays, 10:00 to 10:50 AM.

Place: Library

Please email Hung Su for any question at [hslim@trinityumc.net](mailto:hslim@trinityumc.net)

## Young at Heart Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, October 18:** We'll leave the TUMC parking lot in the church vans at 10:00 AM for lunch at the Michie Tavern near Charlottesville, VA. Cost: \$30. After lunch, we'll head to Carter's Mountain to the apple orchard where apples, apple doughnuts, and other delicacies are available for purchase. Sign-up dates will be September 11 and September 18.



**Sunday, November 13:** We'll meet at Tanglewood Ordinary for lunch at 1 PM. Cost is \$32, all inclusive. Sign-ups will be held in late October.



Young at Heart is Trinity's Senior Ministry Group. We plan events to foster fellowship, learning and fun. There are no age requirements; everyone is welcome at all of our events. Come and bring a friend !!

The next Young at Heart Steering Committee meeting is Tuesday, September 13 at 3:30 PM in the Small Conference Room off the narthex. We would love your input as we plan our events!

### Dillard Forum

The 2022 Dillard Forum is excited to bring Dr. Norbert Wilson to Trinity November 6-7. This Forum will focus on food issues in our country and will address equity in access to food, food waste, and the ramifications of our choices in what we eat.

Dr. Wilson is the Professor of Food, Economics, and Community at Duke Divinity School and is an ordained vocational deacon in the Episcopal Church USA. With several degrees in agricultural economics, he has spent his career involved in food policy with the underlying premise that food is a basic human right. Mark your calendars now for this important event!



### Open Band Rehearsal & JAM SESSION

First Monday of Every Month  
6:30pm Sanctuary

Play an instrument?  
Love to sing? **Come on out!**



**What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?**



We now have a new check-in system for Trinity Kids located in the Welcome Center! We will be checking kids into Kids Worship (9am), elementary and preschool classes (10am), and nursery (9am, 10am, & 11am).

If you haven't already created your free account, please do so by going to [go.kidcheck.com](http://go.kidcheck.com) and selecting "Create Your KidCheck Account". Or download the KidCheck Mobile App from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) to create, manage, and update your account right on your mobile device.



Have you been to the 9am service recently? We have started to offer Kids Worship for our pre-k through 2nd graders during the sermon. After the Kids Moment, Jen takes this age group of kids out of the service for activities geared towards their learning level while the rest of the congregation hears the sermon being preached. Kids return to the service after the sermon.

\*\* This change to our schedule allows kids to be in the worship service for key moments of worship and prayer while also allowing them to leave for activities geared towards their age group during the sermon. \*\*

**What if my kid is younger than pre-K?**

\* The nursery is open for kids three and under.

**What if my kid is older than 2nd grade?**

\* Kids older than 2nd grade remain in the worship service for the entire service. Jen has special resources for this age group to use during the service to help them engage in worship; they are located near the worship bags.

**What if I want my kid to remain in the service with me?**

\* Kids are always welcome to stay in the service for the entire time!

**Kids Discipleship at 10am**



Kids Discipleship during the 10am hour resumes on September 11<sup>th</sup> in these locations:

- Nursery: Birth – 3 year olds
- Room 208: 4-5 year olds
- Room 302/304: Elementary schoolers

**This is what we are learning about in September:**

If you've ever gotten a little emotional during your favorite Disney or Pixar movie, you know animation is a powerful tool to not only tell big stories, but to make us feel big feelings, too! In this four-week series, we'll look at some stories of the Old Testament prophets as we explore some of those feelings. These stories will remind kids that God cares about our big feelings. With God, we can all feel secure, comforted, valued, and loved, even when our emotions tell us otherwise.

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



Text the word **kids** to (804) 500-5995

or sign up online: [trinityumc.net/kids](http://trinityumc.net/kids)



# Student Ministries

STARTING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST...  
TRINITY UMC'S

## Pumpkin Patch

Comes this October and will support our Student Ministries!  
Save the Date.: Pumpkin drop off Saturday October 1st! We'll need many hands to unload the pumpkins that morning!



### Trinity's Pumpkin Patch

The Pumpkin Patch is coming on October 1!

We are so excited to bring back Trinity Pumpkin Patch and need all hands on deck! We need workers at the patch during the given time slots. All are welcome to serve in the pumpkin patch.

To sign up for a shift go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A8A72AA2FDC16-trinity3>

When the pumpkins are delivered on October 1, we will need wheelbarrows, wagons and any item you might have to clean out the back of the truck.

## Student Ministries Recap & Update

It has been an exciting and busy summer for our student ministries!

Here are some recent events that have taken place:

- We had 45 youth that came out in August for SWAG (Summer Worship and Games)! What an incredible time of wild, funny, memorable games and worship.
- The youth then went to Kings Dominion on August 21.

Upcoming events:

- Youth Night of Worship and Prayer on **Friday, September 16** from 4-8 PM
- Kick-off **Sunday, September 11**. Youth Group kicks off that same Sunday. We will kick-off with water night from 5-7 PM. Bring \$3 for dinner, a friend and a towel!





United  
Women  
in Faith

### From Trinity UWF President

Dear Trinity Sisters,

Thanks to Bonnie Andrews for hosting our summer ‘Come and See’ session. It was a precious time with fellowship, good food and brainstorming. Some great ideas emerged. Now on to implementing them. We are better together!

Remember – you are loved!  
Jo

### September Program Who Are We/Who Can We Be Together? Tuesday, September 13

Join us at 10 AM in room 324 as The Rev. Brian Siegle leads us in an exploration of Luke 13. We will consider how we can implement the ideas that came out of our summer planning meetings and minister to the needs of our communities. The meeting will also be accessible via Zoom.

### October Program Who Do You Say That I Am? Tuesday, October 11

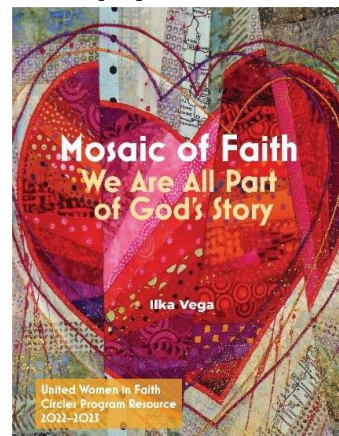
The Rev. Brian Siegle will lead our follow-up program as we continue to focus on the stories of Jesus’ ministry in Luke 13. Join us in room 324 at 10 AM

### Harvest Day Tuesday, November 8

Thank you! to Nancy Owen and Teresa Cross for volunteering to chair our 2022 Harvest Day celebration. Plan to be with us for a worship service and lunch. Stay tuned for more details to follow.

### New Program Resource

‘*Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God’s Story*,’\* focusing on how we can answer our calling today as women of passion committed to helping women, children, and youth, is this year’s resource for our Unit Meeting Programs. This is also a good resource for Circles. The programs are an invitation to explore our identity as children of God and as a community of women of faith, called to action in local and global communities.



A booklet for use by Circle leaders and program planners is in the United Women of Faith VP mailbox in the church office along with a sign out sheet. Individual pages may be copied but not the entire booklet.

### District Mini-Mission Encounter “Building Communities of Hope and Joy” Saturday, September 10, Via Zoom 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Participants will gain an overview of the Mission Study, which is based on the book “Who Can We Be Together?: A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13.” To register, send your name, email and church name to Lloydette Diggs @ [lloydettediggs@gmail.com](mailto:lloydettediggs@gmail.com) by **September 3**. The Zoom link will be emailed to you.

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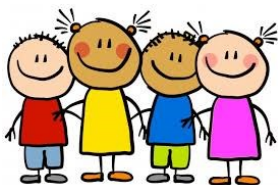
## Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for the lovely flowers. They brighten my days. Thank you for being such a loving, caring church. I miss all of you!

With Love,  
**Polly Lantz**

### Yard Work Is Good For Your Soul—Thanks

On Saturday, August 20, former Trinity property manager, John Hamilton, Mike and Teresa Cross, Bob and Barbi Fitz, and Betsy Pike showed up to work on the grounds of the church. In three hours, this group improved the appearance of several landscaped areas. We appreciate their time, energy, and effort.



## Trinity Preschool

Trinity Preschool and Parents' Morning Out is a comprehensive half-day, weekday program for children between the ages of 1 to

5 years old. It is a developmental program offered in a loving and nurturing environment to help children grow mentally, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Trinity Preschool/PMO is an outreach ministry of TUMC. We are currently full for the 2022-23 school year.

Open enrollment for the 2023-24 school year for TUMC members and past and current patrons is going on now through Sept. 30. Please apply online through our [website](http://www.trinityumc.net/preschool/forms/). ([www.trinityumc.net/preschool/forms/](http://www.trinityumc.net/preschool/forms/))

## Lenten Easter Mission Offering Update 2022

This year, the Trinity congregation donated \$15,583 for the Lenten Easter Mission Offering. Ten nonprofits applied for grants. The funds were distributed as follows:

New Shoes for Back to School	\$1,173
Baltic Seminary	\$1,000
Leonard Seminary	\$1,000
Camp Rainbow	\$1,000
Crossover Health	\$2,073
Oak Grove-Bellemeade	\$1,000
Kids Club Central UMC	\$1,000
Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic	\$1,000
Friends of Barnabas	\$3,000
Westview on the James	\$2,670

## Joys and Concerns

### Baptisms

*Caroline Hildebrand, Libbie Hildebrand*

### Our sympathies to...

*The family of Floyd Adams who died August 2  
Holly Siegle whose brother-in-law Michael Hinton  
died July 29*

## Update From Our Healthy Church Team

As you are aware, COVID-19 continues to cause health problems for us. Our Healthy Church Team is still monitoring the impact that COVID-19 has on our congregation and community. As we work toward a complete reopening, please keep the following recommendations from our Healthy Church Team in mind:

- The sanctuary balcony will continue to be reserved during worship services for those who agree to wear masks and social distance from each other.
- Anybody with a body temperature (fever) over 100 should not come to Trinity.
- If you are having other symptoms associated with COVID-19 (e.g., congestion, coughing, headaches), we urge you to get tested for COVID-19 and be considerate of those around you in the interim. Please consider wearing a mask.

## Pickleball

We had a great time this summer, 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.

During **September** we will play on **Tuesdays** in Trinity Hall from **6-8 PM**.

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 email Paul Brooks at [jpaulbrooks@gmail.com](mailto:jpaulbrooks@gmail.com).

## NewsLetter DEADLINE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, September 19 at 4 PM for events taking place in October**. 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).