

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner



⁵ John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, “Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?”

⁷ Jesus replied, “It isn’t for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:5-8

In the midst of Jesus talking with the disciples, just before his ascension, he told them that it’s not for us to know the times or seasons God works in. That’s a helpful reminder for us, especially as we move into a busy fall. We like answers, resolutions, and results. But sometimes, we don’t get them in the time we want them. Sometimes, God works on a completely different schedule than ours.

I believe God’s plans and timing are always better than ours. Sometimes, we faithfully follow, sometimes we try to lead too much, or refuse to follow at all. This behavior is part of our human nature. What I believe is that when we are faithful to the best of our ability, we live our best and happiest lives. Our best selves reflect the grace of God into the world, whether in our homes, our communities, or the wider world.

With that framework set, let us apply that to our life together at Trinity. We are in a new season. Things of past seasons may or may not translate to this one. There are things about this season that we have yet to discover. Let us focus on God’s timing, on God’s season, on God’s way. Let us focus less on our own desires if they are at all cross purposes with God’s. I believe God wants to change hearts and lives, beginning with each one of us. Everything else is secondary.

Let’s focus together in this new season on God’s timing. Let us strive to follow faithfully in this new season that looks similar to seasons past, but is in many ways quite different. We are together as God’s people in this place and time. It’s a great time to be at Trinity. I’m looking forward to the ride together.

Yours in Christ,

“The Table” Coming Soon



“The Table” is a worship and fellowship gathering centered around dinner and communion once a month. We begin the evening as one family—kids, students, and adults together—to share a meal, sing, pray, and celebrate communion. Kids and students then enjoy fellowship together, while adults engage in meaningful discussion around “the Table.”

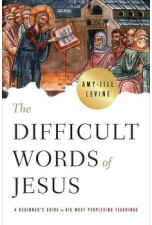
This “come as you are” gathering is a space to connect with others and experience church in a more casual and interactive way, faithful to the tradition of Jesus’ disciples sharing meals together and growing together as friends and family.

Once we start, nursery care will be available upon request (3 years old and younger), and we will have a simple pot-luck meal with soup, salad, bread, and dessert. Even if you can’t bring a dish for any reason, please come anyway – we want you there!

Questions about The Table? Contact Hung Su Lim at hslim@trinityumc.net

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 have started and will finish Part 1 on December 12. If you are interested in joining us, contact Dianne Moore (diannemoore710@msn.com).



3M Study to Begin "The Difficult Words of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine

Our Wednesday Night Study Group, "3M" will begin on **Wednesday, October 5**. Our first study will be "The Difficult Words of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. We will gather in person as well as by Zoom, 6 – 7:30 PM. Contact Judy Oguich for the Zoom link. The book is available from Amazon and Cokesbury.

Following this 6-week study we will have an Advent study, then we will begin "Words of Life" (a study by Adam Hamilton on the 10 Commandments) in January. We welcome new members! Contact Judy Oguich for questions/concerns.

Pastor's Study

The Pastor's Bible Study will be "Christian Community: Eating and Drinking our Way to the Kingdom". This is a short study that will be held Sunday evenings at 6 PM and Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 PM, in parallel in-person sessions. We will begin **October 9 and October 12**. To see the full schedule use the QR code below.



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 23

Join us at the Veterans Memorial Garden (the one with the flagpole on Forest Avenue) at **2:30 PM for all animals.**

All animals:

- Need to be healthy and up-to-date with shots.
- In a carrier or on a leash with adult supervision
- Be very sociable and safe around other animals (If your pet is too shy, too aggressive or just too difficult to transport, please just bring a photo to be blessed.)

Contact Harriet Thomas oldhistoryprof46@gmail.com, if you have any questions. See you there!

Farewell from Charles

I still remember Thursday, December 6, 1990 when Bill McClure picked me up at the Richmond airport. Before that day, I had never heard of VMI or Ukrops! The great hymn-writer, Isaac Watts, wrote "Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day." What an ever-rolling stream these last 32 years have been! I had planned to stay at Trinity for maybe 3 years. And here we are today. Trinity's strength has always been its people and, at least with me, its flexibility. I was always allowed and even encouraged to pursue my own professional life as a pianist which means lots of time for practice and rehearsal. I soloed with the Richmond Philharmonic more than any pianist in its history, and this is just one example of why I'm finishing my career in Richmond. It's been my greatest privilege to serve this small branch of Christendom by leading (at one time or another) its children, youth, adults, bells and instruments. I've been able to provide music for young couples as they begin their married life and to offer a little comfort for families as they say their last goodbyes. And we've done it all with a little laughter - the first of my somewhat unorthodox funeral recessionals came when Gene Woodridge asked if I would play "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" for Ted Hutton's service, or perhaps when Ken Gassman (at the wedding rehearsal) requested that the "Mickey Mouse Theme" be worked into the "Ode to Joy" (works really well in the pedals!). Oh, the stories I have! But now it's time for someone new to take the reins. That person will bring his or her own gifts and strengths and even a few weaknesses. God-knows I had my share (of weaknesses, that is.) But the folks of Trinity will embrace and support that person as you did me and Trinity's ministry to the community will extend to a new generation. "Oh God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home."

Charles Staples

community CONVERSATIONS



Thanks to everyone who attended our first Community Conversation in September. We are pleased to announce the following guests for the remainder of our 2022-23 season:

- **October 4** Reynolds Community College President, Dr. Paula Pando
- **November 7** We will combine Community Conversations with the Dillard Forum who is presenting Duke University Professor of Food, Economics, and Community Dr. Norbert Wilson.
- **December 6** Local musicians Susan Greenbaum and Chris Parker
- **January 10** Executive Editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch Chris Coates
- **February 7** Chip Jones, author of the book—The Organ Thieves: The Shocking Story of the First Heart Transplant
- **March 14** Dr. Robert Winn, Director VCU Massey Cancer Center
- **April 18** Christy Coleman, Executive Director of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
- **May 9** Jack Berry, President Richmond Region Tourism

With the exception of November 7, all programs are held on Tuesdays starting at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. We hope you will join us to learn about our community.

Volunteers Needed at Tuckahoe Elementary School

Tuckahoe Elementary is looking for volunteers to help in our school. Specifically, we need a group of volunteers to help in first grade classrooms from 9:15-10:15 AM, M-F. During this time, the classroom teacher will be in the classroom working with small groups of students for reading groups and a volunteer would be in the room assisting other students, helping them stay on task with their independent activities. For consistency, we would love to have volunteers commit to at least one day of the week during the time block. We will provide training for the volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or need additional information, please contact Jennifer Madison, Student Support Teacher, at jmmadison@henrico.k12.va.us or 804-673-3765.



Honoring Trinity's Veterans

On **Sunday, November 13**, the Outreach Class will present a program in Trinity Hall from 9:50-10:50 AM to honor our Trinity Veterans. If you have a Trinity Veteran that you would like to have recognized at this program, please send the name and branch of military that they served to Bill Pike at bpike@trinityumc.net or call the church office. Deadline for submitting names is **Wednesday, November 9**. This will not be a pancake breakfast, however, coffee, juice, and light refreshments will be available, and the class will collect a love offering to assist local Veteran nonprofits.

Trinity's Veterans: We Need Your Help

Because of the pandemic, we have not held our annual recognition program honoring Trinity's Veterans. As we prepare our listing of the names of our Veterans for this year's program on Sunday, November 13, we need your help. If you know any information about the status of the following Veterans: Harold Armole, Walker Armole, Trey Jordan, III, Samuel Mottley, Jeff Samuel, Harold Z. Tanquary, David Bratton, Norman Groff, Jake Lupton, and Phillip W. Terry, please contact via email Kim Tingler (ktingler@trinityumc.net) or Bill Pike (bpike@trinityumc.net).



In Person Gathering with Pastor Brian and Holly

Pastor Brian and his wife Holly would like to meet and hear from you! Please sign up to attend a gathering 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>

Conservation Games

Our Creation Care Committee ask that you consider participating in the Conservation Games. This program coordinated by The Capital Region Land Conservancy gives communities the opportunity to learn about and work in fields, forests, and streams in the Richmond area. The games start **September 30 and conclude October 16**. Here is the link (<https://capitalregionland.org/conservation-games/>) to learn more about the Conservation Games and for signing up for Team Fields, Team Forests, or Team Streams.

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. Deadline to sign up is October 9.



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 !!

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!



Young at Heart made a recent trip to Maymont!



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?

Kids Discipleship at 10am



Kids Discipleship during the 10am hour occurs 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 October:

There's a reason lions are symbols of courage — even their roars (which can be heard up to five miles away) tell us how strong they are! And because of God's promises, we can be as strong and bold as lions, too. In this five-week series, kids will learn important truths from the life of Daniel they'll want to shout (or roar!), like how we don't have to give up and don't have to feel alone. Instead, we can keep learning and not be afraid, even when we don't know the future. Why? Because God is with us!



Join us on Sunday, October 23rd from 3-5pm for our fall festival! Invite your neighbors to come with you! We are looking for volunteers to run a station and greet our neighbors who will join us for this fun event! Please visit this sign-up genius to sign up for a volunteer slot:

<https://tinyurl.com/4v43f295>



Transit, our ministry for 4th and 5th graders, returns this fall on the following dates:

- 10/2
- 10/16
- 11/6
- 11/20

Transit takes place at church from 5-6:30pm. A typical evening includes dinner, games, activities and a short devotion. Friendships become really important to kids at this age and are really important as kids head into middle school. Transit's goal is to provide a place for kids this age to connect with their peers and begin building friendships that will help them transition into middle school and our student ministry at Trinity.

Please register here to sign up for Transit:

<https://tinyurl.com/2yrubm7h>

Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend as well!!!

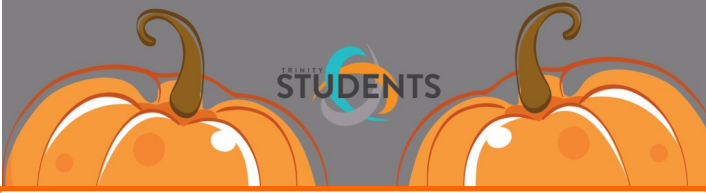


Student Ministries

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>

Fall Retreat

Trinity Students are headed to Westview on the James for a Fall Retreat this **November 5-7!**

What to expect: Fun, fellowship, and worship while we stay in a lodge together and share meals. Fall retreat is an incredible time for our students!

We can't wait for all God has in store for our youth and leaders at this year's Fall Retreat!

Early-bird cost: \$60 (registered by October 15)
Cost after October 15: \$85

Registration www.trinityumc.net/students



Interested in becoming an Acolyte?

The Trinity Acolyte program currently involves 30+ young people in grades 6-12 who are selected because of their interest and commitment to the worship experience. Acolytes are helpers and assist in many aspects of the worship service.

First year acolytes are considered acolytes-in-training for one year. Selected senior high acolytes (grades 10-12) are given additional training in order to assist in special activities. Each Sunday, one of these acolytes is designated as such and will supervise the other acolytes as well as receive the offering. Participation for all students usually involves serving as the Crucifer (will carry the cross), being a candle lighter (responsible for lighting and extinguishing altar candles, helping with the offering), or being a Bible bearer (places the Bible on the altar).

The Trinity Acolyte Program is an excellent example of the commitment of Trinity young people in service to their church and their faith.

FAQs:

Who can participate?

Youth in grades 6-12

Do acolytes need to be confirmed in the Methodist church?

No; confirmation is not a requirement to participate!

How often do acolytes serve?

Availability is requested on a monthly basis, so you can participate when your schedule permits! Most serve about once a month. Special church events such as Christmas and Easter may involve more frequent participation.

Is training provided?

Yes! Acolytes will receive instruction and will begin with experienced acolytes who can assist and answer questions.

You can indicate interest by completing the form found at the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetchpsTSM9RyFE15zS26OJ0oiZMnu2YYQK7mpERPQ7vxw0g/viewform>



United
Women
in Faith

From Trinity UWF President

Dear Trinity Sisters,

Pastor Brian got us off to a great start at our September meeting. He's helping us live into our Purpose – "To Know God." We first need to know ourselves and then who we can be, when we come together as the Body of Christ. On October 10, we will answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am?" We are looking forward to another thought-provoking lesson from our Pastor.

I'm excited about the events we have planned for the remainder of this year and look forward to seeing you at these. Meanwhile, thanks for all you are and all you do to spread the love of Christ.

Blessings, Jo

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



The Rev. Brian Siegle will discuss who we are as United Women in Faith and United Methodists as we set about building our community of faith.

Meet in person at Trinity in room 324 at 10 AM or join on Zoom: meeting ID 897

1163 4009 Passcode: 568875.

**Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 11**

The Trinity United Women in Faith board will meet at 9 AM in room 323. This is a very important meeting as the board will not meet again until January. Circle Leaders, if you cannot attend, send a representative with your report.



**Harvest Day
Living Our Faith
November 8, 10 AM**

All are invited to join us in the sanctuary for this special event.

Nancy Owen and Teresa Cross are busy making plans for this year's program, which will showcase Trinity UMC's involvement in and support of the Sherbourne, Welbourne and Belmont Food Pantries, as well as our service through the Trinity Stitchers and Bereavement Committee. The offering will be given to the three food pantries.

Bring a covered dish and join us for lunch in Trinity Hall after the program.

Circle News

Circle 1 – Welcome to our new leaders Stacy Campbell and Toni Halstead and thank you to Catherine Norton and Linda Latimer for their past leadership. We continue to meet on the third Tuesday, 9:30 AM in room 324. Interested? Contact Stacy (stacybcampbell@gmail.com) or Toni (yogamom52@att.net).

Circle 4 – Same day, new time – we are now meeting on 1st Thursdays at 11 AM! For additional information contact Dianne Moore (diannemoore710@msn.com)

Circle 6 - We will meet in room 319 on Tuesday October 4 at 10:00 AM. Contact Jo Lewis (jolewis49@yahoo.com) if you are interested in joining.

Circle 10 – Fifteen members attended September's meeting at which we collected \$115 and many toiletries for Doorways. Pastor Brian will be the speaker at the October 6 meeting at the home of Susie Hildebrand. Looking for a Circle to join? Please contact Sharon Wenger, swenger66@gmail.com.

A Special Thanks Historic Woodland Cemetery

Many thanks to Brian and Holly Siegle, Mike and Teresa Cross, Mary and J.D. Neary, Deanna, Mike, and Lizzie McCullough, Nell Smith, and Jack Berry for their hard work on September 10 at the Historic Woodland Cemetery.

Thank You from the Trustees

For the 2022-23 church year, your Trustees are Mike Estes, Linda Robinson, Nell Smith, Joe Andrews, Courtenay Brooks, Mike Eunice, Carole Dishman, Susie Hildebrand, Bruce Leaman, and David Priest. Bill Pike is the staff representative, and Jim Crowder, the chairman.

The Trustees would like to thank the Trinity family who recently made a financial donation to have the exterior side of the Sanctuary doors facing Forest Avenue restored. This was a challenging project, and the Trustees greatly appreciate this completed work.

Additionally, the Trustees want to thank Joe Andrews, Keith Reynolds, and Rob Spotts for work they have done on the church grounds.

The Creation Story Trinity in Richmond – Friends of Bellemeade Ministry

Trinity in Richmond began work in April 2013 to create an Outdoor Learning Campus on eight acres adjacent to the Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School. The campus would provide an opportunity to bring community children and their families to nature and incorporate nature in their education.

Since we began the process, we have created: Rain and pollination gardens, beehives and purple martin colony, youth vegetable garden, entry into our creek, and opened the Charlie Thomas Bike Shop and constructed a chicken coop. All the features are utilized in our Saturday Outdoor Club attended by 60 children and volunteers each Saturday.

On Saturday, October 29 from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM, we will be creating and installing our woodland garden (enchanted forest). We will be planting trees, planting woodland plants and installing a walking trail. This is a wonderful opportunity for Trinity families “to make God’s love real” for the children and families of Bellemeade. Parking will be at 1800 Lynnhaven Ave. Kindly let me know if you plan to attend.

Just bring a willing spirit and love that you would like to share with our community. Call Bob Argabright with any questions at 804-310-1080. I look forward to seeing you there!

Joys and Concerns

Birth

Kaycee Alyce Jones born on May 25 to Kelley Morris and Jay Jones. Her grandparents are Leila and Otis Denton

Our sympathies to...

John Cardwell whose father Jack Cardwell died September 21

Amy Barefoot whose mother Vera Barefoot died September 18

*The family of Betty Henderson who died September 13
Meg Chisholm whose brother Gene Haugh died September 13*

*The family of John Hamilton who died September 8
The family of Anne Mogel who died September 7*

*The family of Carolyn Robinson who died August 27
Phyllis Whitaker whose niece Ann Woolard died August 21*

Nancy Foley whose brother-in-law Jim Brown died August 24

Jenny Larkum whose mother Sherry Kerley died August 22

Pickleball Update

Recently we had 10-12 for pickle ball on a Tuesday, including a battle of the pastors. Only those who attended can know who won! Bill Burch and Paul Brooks broke in the new outdoor court under the lights. It works really well! We will probably need to invest in a few glow-in-the-dark balls.

Looking ahead, we are on the calendar for Tuesdays through December 13. We are also going to try a couple of Thursdays in October. On the nights that we play we are 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 please email Paul Brooks at jpaulbrooks@gmail.com.



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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