

The Trinity Window

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November 2022

Pastor's Corner



¹² Brothers and sisters, we ask you to respect those who are working with you, leading you, and instructing you. ¹³ Think of them highly with love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly. Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. ¹⁶ Rejoice always. ¹⁷ Pray continually. ¹⁸ Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Don't suppress the Spirit. ²⁰ Don't brush off Spirit-inspired messages, ²¹ but examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good. ²² Avoid every kind of evil. ²³ Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. ²⁴ The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

"Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." This is a tough word. There are plenty of things in our lives that we do not feel like giving thanks for. Unfortunately, this has been often misinterpreted to mean all things come from God. That's not quite right either. God does, indeed, have a plan, but humans are not consistent in following it. Our choices, and the choices of others, apart from God cause most of the problems. What I believe Paul is saying to the church is that even though the situation may not be God's will, the giving thanks in the midst of it is. We are able to give thanks because we know the whole story. Grace and salvation has already been given. The battle is already won. Therefore, no matter what happens, we are able to give thanks to God.

As we journey through the month of Thanksgiving, let us keep this in mind. God wants us to be able to give thanks. God wants us to be able to discern truth. God wants us to be able to help each other in this difficult life together. Our family and community Thanksgiving celebrations can be part of this, if we make it intentional. More than just a national celebration, it becomes a celebration of faith.

Many years ago, in my first church, we hosted a vocal group from St. Petersburg, Russia at Thanksgiving time. We had a great concert on Thanksgiving eve followed by a worship service in which they helped provide music. On Thanksgiving Day, we were able to take the whole group with us to celebrate Thanksgiving with my family. They had never experienced something quite like that. We were thrilled to be able to share this with them, and we hope that it gave them a sense of hope.

I think that's the heart of the message in 1 Thessalonians. Pray. Give thanks. Share. Be Christ to those around you from wherever they are from. This is how we make a difference. This is how we change hearts. This is how we help shift from a spirit of scarcity fueled by panic to a spirit of generosity fueled by thanksgiving. We are God's people. Let us give thanks.

Yours in Christ,



Dillard Forum 2022

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. To see topics and schedule for the Dillard Forum, use the QR code below:



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:

- **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.



Thanksgiving Eve Service November 23 7 PM in the Sanctuary

Come join us as we gather together to remember and give thanks for our many blessings. Our speaker this year will be Trinity's own Bill Pike. Please bring non-perishable food items as an offering, which will go to Sherbourne Food Pantry.



Honoring Trinity's Veterans

On Sunday, November 13, the Outreach Class will present a program in Trinity Hall from 9:50-10:50 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.

This year, our guest speaker will be Dr. Steve Anders. Steve is a U.S. Army veteran who served his country in Vietnam. After graduating with a Ph.D. in History from Miami University in Ohio in 1982, Steve began a thirty year career as Command Historian at Fort Lee, Virginia. During his career, Steve has published numerous articles, and co-wrote with Tim O'Gorman a book about Ft. Lee. His skill as an instructor hasn't gone unnoticed with the Army awarding him the highest civilian award for teaching excellence.

We hope you will join us.

Fall Back one hour on
Saturday, November 5.
Don't want to be late to
church!





Upcoming Young at Heart Events

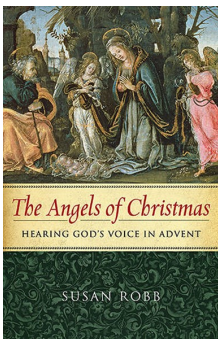
Sunday, November 13 Lunch at Tanglewood Ordinary, 1 PM Registration deadline: **November 6**, \$32 all inclusive. Persons can car pool from Trinity or meet us there.

Tuesday, December 6 The Freeman High School Chorus will present their Christmas Program in our sanctuary, 2 – 3:30 PM.

Tuesday, January 17 All Things Richmond with Jack Berry Come hear our own Jack Berry share with us the latest trends about town! 2 – 3:30 PM in the Welcome Center

Sunday, February 19 Bring your Valentine to hear Virginians Barbershop Chorus in Trinity Hall, 2 – 3:30 PM. A love offering will be taken.

There are no age restrictions to attending “Young at Heart” events! Come and bring a friend!



3M to study “The Angels of Christmas” for Advent

Our Wednesday Night Study Group, 3M, will study “The Angels of Christmas” by Susan Robb beginning **November 16**. The 4-week study will continue November 30, December 7 and December 14. Our class meets 6 – 7:30 PM, both in person and on Zoom. Books are available through Cokesbury for \$13.00. Contact Judy Oguich to register and to get the Zoom link. We would love for you to join us!

Advent Jubilee Sunday Evenings 5-7 PM

Our Advent Jubilee will feature 4 weeks of being together for a meal and activities, all beginning at 5 PM. All activities are family-friendly and we encourage you to bring friends and neighbors with you as well.

Week 1, November 27:

“Create and Celebrate” returns for one night only with family-friendly Christmas crafts. A scaled-down version of the craft-filled craziness we so fondly remember. This meal will be provided. Just come and celebrate!

Week 2, December 4

“Mission Madness” gives us the opportunity to meet and interact with the wide variety of mission organizations and projects that Trinity supports. See what your generosity does and how you may be able to engage even further in the future. This meal will be provided. Please come and discover mission together.

Week 3, December 11

“Double Take”: A Christmas Pageant as told by Matthew AND Luke. This is a humorous telling of both of the birth narratives found in Scripture. Hear the stories as told and performed by our own Trinity members. We will have our meal via covered-dish, so bring something to share and we will enjoy together.

Week 4, December 18

“Christmas Carol Karaoke” will give you and your friends the chance to be the stars of the show as we sing our favorite Christmas songs together. A fun evening for everyone to get us in just the right mood for Christmas! This last week will also be by covered-dish, so bring your favorite to share as we celebrate at table before singing.

Blue Christmas Service A Service of Hope and Healing

Trinity will hold the Blue Christmas Service on **December 7** at 6:00 PM in the chapel.

This service is designed for those who have struggled with the death of a loved one, faced life after divorce or separation, coped with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease. This service will be reflective, accepting where we are, and holding out healing and hope. We join together to acknowledge what we have lost and to remember Jesus’ promise, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted” in this time of challenges. All are welcome!

This service will be recorded and uploaded to watch later.

Christmas Eve Worship

Celebrate Christ's birth at Trinity. We will have four worship services on Saturday, December 24, for you and your family.

4:00 PM Family Service with Kids' Interactive (and unrehearsed) Christmas Pageant

We are so excited to share with you a reimagined Christmas pageant that focuses on telling the Christmas story using kits that will be provided and all voices singing our favorite Christmas carols! The pageant will take place during the 4 PM Christmas Eve Family Service in the sanctuary.

6:00 PM Modern Christmas Eve worship service (also [online](#))

During our 6:00 Christmas Eve service, we will sing carols led by our modern worship band, share communion, and celebrate the joy and peace Christ brings. Our service will culminate in a traditional candlelight vigil. We hope you and your family will join us for this most meaningful celebration!

8:00 PM Christmas Eve worship service (also [online](#))

A traditional format service featuring a mini Lessons and Carols, special Christmas Communion, and Candlelight vigil. Come celebrate together this meaningful celebration of this most holy night.

11:00 PM Christmas Eve worship service

A traditional Christmas Eve worship service. This late night service is a more intimate format, featuring Christmas music, a special Christmas Communion, and candlelight vigil. Come, celebrate, as we bring in Christmas Day together.

Special Thanks

Thanks to Mike Cross for making repairs to a set of wooden shutters that needed some attention. Also, we appreciate the efforts of Mike Hildebrand for providing a forklift and driver in assisting with the first phase of unloading the pumpkins.

Open Band Rehearsal & JAM SESSION

First Monday of Every Month
6:30pm Sanctuary

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

Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for the cards, emails, altar flowers and your thoughts and prayers during my illness. I am truly blessed to have such wonderful church family.

Ann Jones

Building Security and the Trinity Hall Kitchen

Here is a refresher about building access and using the Trinity Hall Kitchen. Please note that our building has systems in place for fire and security when our building is closed at the end of each day. The building is open Monday-Friday by 8 AM. On Monday-Thursday, the close time is 8:30 PM. For Friday, the building is closed and alarmed by 7 PM. An after normal hours a breach in the system notifies our security company and designated Trinity personnel are contacted.

Per recommendations from the Henrico Police Department, during a regular day, we keep all perimeter doors to the building locked. We do this in cooperation with the Trinity Preschool. If you are coming to the church to drop something off, please use the entryway for the Church Office on the playground side of the building. This door is equipped with a camera and a system for you to be allowed entry once Trinity personnel have identified you.

There are exceptions to all of the doors being secured. We make different arrangements for a class, a community class, a church/community event, and funerals. Unless a scheduled event is taking place, the building is normally closed on Saturdays.

If you have questions about scheduling an event, contact Paula Cadden: pcadden@trinityumc.net.

Prior to the pandemic all catering positions related to the Trinity Hall Kitchen were eliminated. During the pandemic, the kitchen was not used.

The basic rule for the kitchen is this: if you as an individual or a group uses the kitchen you/the group are responsible for cleaning the kitchen. Cleaning the kitchen means the following: emptying trash and replacing trash bags, washing all items that were used for preparing food and consuming a meal, sweeping and mopping the floor, cleaning counter tops, sink basins, and returning utensils to the proper areas of storage. The kitchen is stocked with a commercial grade coffee maker, two freezers, two refrigerators, dishwasher, garbage disposal, two gas fired convection ovens, a gas range and oven, plus a hood system with fire suppression equipment.

Before using the kitchen, if you or your group would like instruction on how to use the equipment, please notify, Ronnie Johnson, our head building caretaker. He can be reached by calling the church office 804-288-6056.

Flower Tribute at Christmas

Advent is a time when we choose to honor and/or memorialize loved ones by listing their names in the bulletin during the Christmas season.

The cost to have a tribute “in honor of” or “in memory of” listed in the bulletins at Christmas is **\$20**.



The funds received will be used to offset the cost of flowers used to decorate the sanctuary and foyers for the Christmas season. Monies received above the cost of the flowers will be donated to Missions at Trinity.

The deadline for receiving contributions is Monday, December 12, 2022.

Place this form in the offering plate



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



Please list the following tribute in the bulletin during the Christmas season:

In Honor Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AND/OR

In Memory Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



Donor's Printed Name and Phone #: _____

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Serve Updates & Ways to get Involved



Hurricane Buckets

Thanks to everyone who took a hurricane bucket and filled it with the requested supplies. The next step is to get the buckets to our conference office on Staples Mill Road.

On **Saturday, November 5** from 11 AM to 4 PM the buckets will be collected. Volunteers are needed to receive the buckets and store them in a designated storage space at the conference office.

Then on **Thursday, November 10**, more volunteers are needed to properly stack the buckets on wooden pallets for shipping. We are awaiting a report time for Thursday.

If you are interested in helping on November 5 or 10, please email Bill Pike: bpiketrinityumc.net

Angel Tree at Central UMC

Hillary Coakley and Sarah Shutt are in the process of coordinating Angel Tree for the children at Central UMC who participate in Kids Club. We anticipate this information to be compiled by November 6, and released to the Trinity Congregation on November 13. All Angel Tree gifts would be due back at Trinity by Friday, December 16.



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)



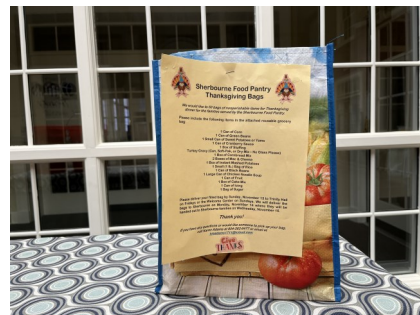
Sherbourne Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags

We will be filling bags with nonperishable items for Thanksgiving dinner for the families served by Sherbourne UMC Food Pantry. You can pick up a bag in the Welcome Center. If all of the bags are gone, you can still fill one by getting a reusable grocery bag and filling it with the following items:

- 1 Can of Corn
- 1 Can of Green Beans
- 1 Small Can of Sweet Potatoes or Yams
- 1 Can of Cranberry Sauce
- 1 Box of Stuffing
- Turkey Gravy (Can, Soft-Pak, or Dry Mix – No Glass Please)
- 1 Box of Cornbread Mix
- 2 Boxes of Mac & Cheese
- 1 Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- 1 Small (1 lb.) Bag of Rice
- 1 Can of Black Beans
- 1 Large Can of Chicken Noodle Soup
- 1 Can of Fruit
- 1 Box of Cake Mix
- 1 Can of Icing
- 1 Bag of Sugar

Please deliver your filled bag by **Sunday, November 13**. They can be delivered to Trinity Hall on Fridays or the Welcome Center on Sundays. We will deliver the bags to Sherbourne on Monday, November 14 where they will be handed out to Sherbourne families on Wednesday, November 16.

If you have any questions or would like someone to pick up your bag, call Karen Adams at 804-382-6477 or email at kmadams1711@icloud.com



TRINITY Kids

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 November:

The most important part of any play is what happens “behind the scenes.” There’s lighting, wardrobe, casting, playwriting — so much has to happen perfectly to bring the production together! In the story of Esther, there is a whole lot going on behind the scenes, too. In this series, kids will discover the most important character in Esther’s story isn’t always center-stage, but can often be found behind the scenes working, helping, giving support and giving peace. (Spoiler alert: It’s God!)

TRANSIT

4th-5th Grade

Transit, our ministry for 4th and 5th graders, returns this fall on the following dates: 11/6 and 11/20

Transit takes place at church from 5-6:30pm. A typical evening includes dinner, games, activities and a short devotion.

Please register here to sign up for Transit:

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

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



A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped at Pumpkin Palooza and/or invited someone to attend! We had a great time!!





United
Women
in Faith

From Trinity UWF President

Dear Sisters in Christ,

A wonderful Harvest Day is being planned for you and we have invited lots of guests, so plan accordingly for the covered dish lunch! We want everyone to be a greeter for our guests. Many thanks to Pastor Brian, who will again deliver the message. His inspiring words in September and October gave us much to ponder.

Plan also to join us for Service Day on December 13 at 9am. Again, we will invite guests from some of our smaller churches to join us. More details to come!

Blessings, Jo

Circle News

Circle 1 –Pastor Brian spoke at our meeting on October 18. In November we will meet in room 324 at 9:30 on the 15th.

Circle 4 – Our October program was on UMCOR history and projects; we assembled 4 cleaning kit buckets. On November 3 at 11am our program will focus on ‘Giving Thanks.’



Circle 6 – We will meet in room 319 on November 1 at 10am for a program from the Mosaic of Faith book.

Circle 10 – 17 members and 2 guests met in October to hear a presentation by Pastor Brian and collect a love offering for Gail and Lew Held. November 3rd we will meet at the home of Ridley Eunice at 7pm. Our guest speaker will be from Youth Life Foundation of Richmond. Interested in joining an evening Circle? Please contact Sharon Wenger 804.740.1004.

Circle 11 – We will meet in November to create the ‘Candy Cane Mice’ for Service Day.



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

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

This year’s program will showcase Trinity UMC’s involvement in and support of the Sherbourne, Welborne 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 to share and join us for lunch in Trinity Hall after the program.

**District UWF Advent Service
December 3**

The closing event for the Richmond District UWF before merging into the Three Notch’d District will be the in-person Advent Service on Dec. 3 from 10-11:30 at Ramsey Memorial UMC, 5900 Hull Street Rd.

Mini Loaves for Oak Grove

Join us in providing mini loaves of bread for Oak Grove ES this holiday season. We would like to share a loaf of bread with each teacher, staff member, cafeteria worker and bus driver at the school.



Pick up loaf pans and instructions on Harvest Day, November 8, and bring the loaves of bread to Trinity on Service Day, December 13.

If you have questions, contact Karen Adams - kmadams1711@icloud.net - 804-270-9869

Show Thanks for God's Creation Tips from the Creation Care Committee

For many of us Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate family and abundance. It can also, unfortunately, be a time of increased waste of food and resources. Cutting back on food waste helps the environment at every step from, farming to packaging to transportation.

Here are a few tips to avoid waste:

- Buy only what you need – you can be hospitable without being excessive.
- Use perishable foods before using more processed or preserved foods to minimize food lost to spoilage.
- Keep portion sizes moderate – overeating also can be a form of food waste!

Smart shopping can also honor God's creation by caring for those who produce our food and minimizing impacts on the environment:

- Buy local – not only do you reduce the distance your food travels, but you support local farmers.
- Pre-cycle – pay attention to food packaging. Purchase food with minimal packaging and avoid individually wrapped items.
- Bag it – bring your own bags to the grocery store.
- Buy fair-trade products – this benefits the workers and the environment.

Coffee Ministry

It's a new season and that means a new sign-up for our Coffee Ministry on Sundays. It just takes a couple of people to get things all set up each Sunday. It means a lot to our church members to have that service each week. We appreciate all of your help each week. If you have any questions, contact Mary Beth Utley at maryb.utley@gmail.com. To sign up go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa8ab22a5f85-trinity2>



Joys and Concerns

Births

*Cadyn Reid Lanz born on October 11 to Julie and Matt Lanz. His grandparents are Bert and Sheila Norfleet
Mary Windsor Walker born on September 19 to Emily and Gray Walker. Her grandparents are Herb and Jo Ann Brooks.*

New Member

Nancy Frowert

Our sympathies to...

Lynn Berry whose brother-in-law Tuffy Samuels died October 22

Jo Ann Brooks whose brother Robert Vogler died October 22

The family of J. Buren "Bo" Aldredge who died October 15

Teresa Cross whose mother Hilda Chiles died October 7

Chris Butterworth whose father E.L. Butterworth, Jr., died October 1

Diane Cowling whose niece died September 29

Pickleball Update

Recently we are having 8-10 people come out and play. Looking ahead, we are on the calendar for Tuesdays through December 13. 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, November 21 at 4 PM for events taking place in December**. 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.