

The Trinity Window

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January 2023



Pastor's Corner

- 1 In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
- 2 The Word was with God in the beginning.
- 3 Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.
What came into being
- 4 through the Word was life,
and the life was the light for all people.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

It's a New year. It's the season of restarting, of renewing, of recommitting. All around us, so much seems to be new. As the world reawakens from a pandemic-induced slumber, we are rediscovering the value of being together. Humans were meant to be social and communal. God knows that, of course, because God made us. The prologue of the Gospel of John even states that the Word, Jesus, was in the beginning and part of creation from the very start. The plan was to bring light into a dark world, one that becomes dark because of humankind's own choices that take us away from God.

As we all move into the new year, let us remember that we are, indeed, better together. Let us remember that now is a perfect time to recommit to our life in a shared space for the common goal of growing in our faith and becoming more light-like in a world that desperately needs light bearers.

At the same time, it is all new. We are having to figure out ways to be together and work together in a world that is very different than it was even just a couple years ago. While we remember the days gone by with fondness and maybe even a bit of longing, that is not our current world. Things will not be nor operate in the same way as they used to, possibly ever again. We must find new ways to engage the world, to bring God's light, to be community. This monumental shift will take all of us working together to accomplish.

No one can do it alone, and God made us that way from the beginning.

Seems to me like the new year is a perfect time to renew ourselves on that journey yet again.

That prologue in John continues in verse 9 with "The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world." Let us be bearers of that light, to as many as we can reach in our place, in our time. Glory to God who gives us the light, gives us the mission, and gives us a such a great place to do that, together.

Yours in Christ,

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 Christmas Pageant.

We are so excited to share with you a reimagined Christmas pageant that focuses on telling the Christmas story. We sing our favorite Christmas carols! The pageant will take place during the 4 PM Christmas Eve Family Service in the sanctuary.

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

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

8:00 PM Traditional service (also [online](#))

A traditional Candlelight Communion service with choir and organ. We will sing carols, share a special Christmas Communion, and finish in candlelight singing "Silent Night" as we process outside (weather permitting) to share our light with the world.

11:00 PM Contemplative Service

A contemplative Christmas Eve service with carols, Communion, and candles. We will close with the singing of "Silent Night" processing outside (weather permitting) to share our light with the world.



Update from Trinity's Healthy Church Team

Over the last few weeks, public health officials have noted an uptick in cases of COVID-19, seasonal flu, and RSV, both nationally and regionally.

The Trinity Healthy Church Team continues to monitor the data from these cases and recommendations from our public health leaders. At this time, our Healthy Church Team is not recommending any significant changes to our current masking policy.

In order to provide a safe space for the more health-vulnerable, we will continue to designate the balcony as the seating area in the Sanctuary where wearing a mask is required. Masking in the balcony will be required for all worship services, Christmas Eve services, and all special services. Masking other places is optional, and remains up to personal discretion.

We appreciate your cooperation in complying with this request.

Additional questions, contact Mike McCullough at Michael.McCullough@genworth.com

community CONVERSATIONS

We are pleased to announce the following guests for the remainder of our 2022-23 season:

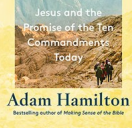
- **January 10** Chris Coates, Executive Editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch
- **February 7** Chip Jones, author of the book—The Organ Thieves: The Shocking Story of the First Heart Transplant
- **March 14** Dr. Robert Winn, Director VCU Massey Cancer Center
- **April 18** Christy Coleman, Executive Director of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
- **May 9** Jack Berry, President Richmond Region Tourism

All programs are held on Tuesdays starting at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. We hope you will join us to learn about our community.

CHRIST The saviour is born

Christmas Day Worship, Sunday, December 25, 10 AM
New Year's Day Worship, Sunday, January 1, 10 AM

Words of Life



3M to Study “Words of Life” by Adam Hamilton

Our Wednesday Night Study Group, 3M, will study “Words of Life” by Adam Hamilton beginning **Wednesday, January 11**. In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history – the Ten Commandments. Adam considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving “thou shalt.”

This 10-week study will go through Wednesday, March 15 (skipping February 22, Ash Wednesday). Our class meets **6-7:30 PM** both in person and on Zoom.

Book are available through Cokesbury for \$18.29. Contact Judy Oguich to register and to get the Zoom link. We would love for you to join us!



Seekers Book Discussion

The Chronicles of Narnia is a young adult fantasy series with a Christian subtext written in the 1950's by C. S. Lewis. Many are familiar with the best known book in the series The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The Seekers Book Discussion group will be reading the series together, beginning **January 8**. We meet in Room 317 on Sunday mornings at **10 AM**. Please join us if you are interested in exploring this series! We will begin with the book, The Magician's Nephew on January 8, and follow with The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. If you have questions, contact Elizabeth Dwyer at elizgaydwy@gmail.com.

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Brian is leading another Pastor's Bible Study. Sessions will be in-person on Wednesday afternoon at **1:30 PM** starting **January 11**. Another time slot may be added as needed. The study will be: Genesis: *NOT the Sunday School Version!* The schedule is listed at: <https://www.trinityumc.net/pastors-bible-study/>



Monday Morning Bible Study

The 9:30 AM Monday morning Bible Study will begin a new study on **January 23**. **Surrendered: Letting Go and Living Like Jesus** by Barb Roose is a 6-week video/discussion study. Our class meets from **9:30 – 11:00 AM** on Monday mornings in Room 324. If you are interested in participating, contact Deanna McCullough (deanna6mccullough@gmail.com) and purchase your participant workbook from Amazon.com. We would love for you to join us!

Contemporary Class



Matthew King will be speaking to the Contemporary Class on January 22 and 29. Ensign Matthew King is an active-duty intelligence officer in the United States Navy. Matthew is a member of Trinity as is mother Susan King and his grandparents were members of Trinity as well, George and Frankie King.

The Contemporary Class would like to extend an invitation to the rest of the church to join them in Trinity Hall to hear Matthew speak. Matthew's topics are:

January 22: “Joining the Navy in the 2020s”

January 29: “The Strategic Thought of Henry Kissinger”

This church-wide event will take place from **10-11 AM**.



As we begin a new year, we'd like to journey together and talk about ways to share Christ's love in a new way. How can we improve ways to connect to the community around us? How can we be more connectational? What steps do we take to have God's dream in our lives and Trinity?

Join this conversation and explore ways to live out what we believe. Let's journey together. Let's act together. Our first meeting will be on **January 29, 5 PM** via zoom. Please let pastor Hung Su know if you have any questions.

Discovering Trinity (New Membership Class)

We 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.

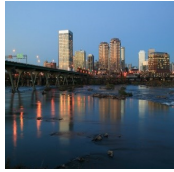
When: Sunday mornings, **10:15 AM, January 15 through February 5** (4 weeks)

Where: Library

RSVP to Pastor Hung Su Lim at hslim@trinityumc.net by **January 8**.

Young at Heart Events

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 **2-3:30 PM.** Concert by The Virginians Barbershop Chorus! Come and listen to one of the best vocal groups in central Virginia! A love offering will be taken to help with their expenses.



YAH's Christmas event took place on December 6 with Freeman High School Chorus performing for us.



Pub Theology

On Tuesday, January 31, 2023, Pub Theology returns. We will meet at Kindred Spirit Brewing. The brewery is in

Goochland County at 12830 West Creek Pkwy. Ste J. Start time is **6 PM**. The brewery's community room is reserved for us. The church will order pizza, and we will ask each person in attendance to give \$5.00 to offset the cost. Come for the fellowship and conversation about a topic of interest.

Family Game Night

Our next multi-generational gathering will be **January 22: Family Game Night!** Bring a dish to share and a game to play. We'll gather in Trinity Hall at **5:00 PM**, eat, and then spend time in games together, starting at 6:00 PM. Invite your whole family, friends, and neighbors!



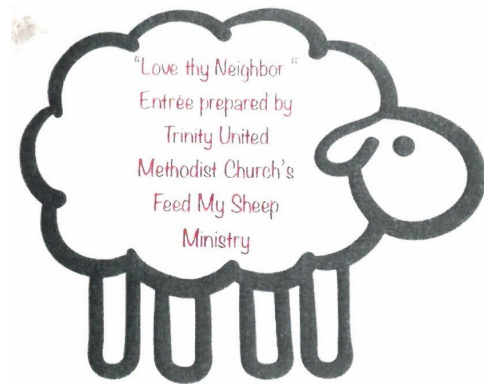
Trinity's New "Feeding Sheep" Ministry a New Way to Take Care of Others

Bonnie Andrews and her team of talented cooks is off and running with stocking the Trinity freezer with our new "Feeding Sheep Ministry". This ministry is a new way to help us take care of our church family. Whenever we hear of someone going home from the hospital, someone experiencing grief and loss, or someone going through another one of life's transitions, we can extend our love and care to them through the gift of homemade soup or stew. Persons who deliver the soup can make it a meal by supplementing it with bread, salad and dessert.

Persons should notify Bonnie Andrews or Judy Oguich when you hear of a need for "feeding our sheep", and we will help coordinate the delivery.

Persons interested in helping with deliveries can also let Bonnie and Judy know.

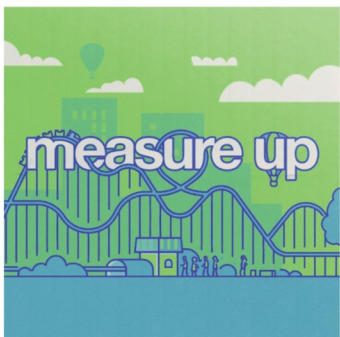
"And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love for one another and for everyone, just as we do for you." – 1 Thessalonians 3:12





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 January:

"When I'm older!" "When I'm taller!" Every kid is excited to grow up – even if it's just to finally ride that big kid roller coaster they've had their eye on. This four-week series is about another kid who grew up – Jesus! Through stories from Jesus' early life and ministry kids will learn four important truths to help them continue growing: God guides us to safety, we can love God with our actions, we can follow Jesus, God makes us ready at the right time, and God's words help us make wise choices.



Transit is meeting on January 8 and 29 from 5:00-6:30pm. We meet in the Welcome Center and then head upstairs to room 302/304 for a pizza dinner followed by games and activities. We end with a short devotion. Transit helps 4th and 5th graders grow friendships with each other to help them transition to the student ministry when they enter middle school!

Trinity Kids had a blast at Create and Celebrate!



TRINITY STUDENTS WINTER 2023

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day,
No Sunday School, No Youth Group
- 8 Confirmation Interest Meeting 10am Parlor
Sunday School 10am
Middle School ONLY Fun Night! 5-7pm
High School ONLY Fun Night! 5-7pm
- 15 Sunday School / Youth Group
- 22 Sunday School
Confirmation Kick-off Noon-1:30pm
Youth Group / Family Game Night
- 29 Sunday School / Youth Group

FEBRUARY

- 4 Confirmation Late Night 7-11pm
- 5 Sunday School/ Youth Group
- 11 Parents' Night Out 5-8pm
- 12 Sunday School / Youth Group
- 19 Sunday School/ Youth Group
- 26 Sunday School
Confirmation Session Noon- 1:30pm
Youth at Escape Room 5:30-7:00pm

MARCH

- 4 Confirmation Retreat Day
- 5 Sunday School/ Youth Group
- 12 Sunday School
Spring Fest
No Youth Group
- 19 Sunday School
Confirmation Session Noon-1:30pm
Youth Group
- 24-26 Refuel Retreat at Camp Willow Springs
- 26 No Sunday School (Retreat)
No Youth Group (Retreat)

APRIL

- 2 Henrico County Spring Break
Sunday School/ No Youth Group
- 9 Easter
No Sunday School/ No Youth Group
- 14 Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner 6:45-8pm
- 16 Confirmation Sunday / Youth Group
- 23 Sunday School / Youth Group
- 30 Sunday School / Youth Group

WEEKLY

YOUTH CAFE/SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM-10:50 AM
IN THE STUDENT CENTER

ON SUNDAY MORNINGS WE ALSO INVITE
OUR YOUTH SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY,
NURSERY, A COLYTING, A/V AND
GREETING.

YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAYS 5:00PM-7:00PM
PLEASE BRING \$3
FOR YOUTH DINNER





United
Women
in Faith

Service Day December 13

In a Service Day filled with Christmas spirit (thanks Peggy & Pat!) and fellowship, over 40 women came together to complete the following projects:

From Trinity UWF President

Dear Sisters in Christ,

All praise to God our Father for a great year past. He's been with us every step of the way!

Thanks for your support at our meetings==coming out to support Pastor Brian and making our Harvest Day and Service Day successful. We need to increase our attendance for our speakers at the unit meetings. Our VP, Janet Hill, has lined up some great speakers for next year.

Now as we set our sights on 2023, our goal continues to be to deepen our relationships to God and each other and support our missions with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service; as we follow Christ's example.

God bless you all in this new year, Jo

Board Meeting Thursday Jan. 5, 10 AM

We will meet in room 323 for an important Board meeting that every circle leader or their representative should attend. We will set our budget and go over plans for the year.

Save the Dates:

January 10, at 10 AM
St. Paul and the Corinthian Church
Dr. James McCullough

February 14, at 10 AM
Heart Havens
Jennifer Boyden & Rebecca Huff

- 80+ Sherbourne UMC Christmas Poppers – Circle 10



- 96 Candy Cane Mice – Circle 11
- 10 Christmas centerpieces for UMFS, Covenant Woods, Hermitage & Guardian Place



- 96 Birthday cards for Oakgrove ES Students – Circle 1

- 14 Wellness Bags for MHEC
- 200 Mini Holiday Loaves for Oakgrove ES (Trinity UMC & Tuckahoe Presbyterian)
- 46 felt dove ornaments
- 21 Advent books & cards for Trinity homebound members – Circle 10
- 35 Stockings for UMFS Residents
- 80+ Coloring Books for Sherbourne UMC – Circle 4 to go with 100 boxes of crayons from Joan Yowell (Circle 5)



Circle News

Circle 1 – Jim Crowder will be our speaker at our meeting on January 17 at 9:30 AM.

Circle 4 – Our January meeting will be on the fifth at 11 AM.

Circle 6 – We will not meet separately in January but attend the UWF unit meeting on Jan 10.

Circle 10 – We will meet Jan. 5, 7 PM at the home of Gerryann Priest. Holly Siegle will be the guest speaker, We will be taking donations for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Christmas Flower Tributes for 2022

<i>In Loving Memory of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Alf and Jean Goodykoontz	Chuck and Cathy Goodykoontz
Antoine Hobeika	The Hall Family
Art, Audrey, and David Gerhan	Ken and Peggy Hart
Bernard and Lois Hill, Rick Hill, George and Mary Good, Helen Good	The Spotts Family
Bob and Beth Hart	Ken and Peggy Hart
Brenda W. Parker	Kendall Parker and Family
C. D. Burch, III	Wife, Frances
Carolyn Robinson	Carl Robinson and Family
Charlene and Herman Moore	Dorothy and Dianne Moore
Charles M. and Marjorie H. Browder	Their Family
Charlotte Forrester	Judy Oguich
Colleen Berninger	Chick and Bonnie Hadden
Colleen Berninger, Grandmommy	Jack Berninger, Devon, George, Thomas, and Colin Stronach
Daisy, T.S., Jean, and Thomas Shutt	Sarah Shutt
David H. Clelland & Harry and Millicent Lindey, Our Parents	Dave and Gail Clelland
Davis Bottom	Wife, Hildie, and Children and Grandchildren
Deceased Parents	Dan and Lola Jean Nichols
Diana Boring	Dave Boring
Elizabeth Mallory	Dorothy and Dianne Moore
Ellen Peele, Ernie Parrott, and Ben Woody	Elaine and Sandy Peele
Frances and Mack Dewitt	Margaret and Steve Dewitt
George and Rachel Habel	Mary W. Deal
Hodges and Mildred Hastings	Mary W. Deal
J.P. Parsley	Steve and Beverly Parsley
Jason Coats	11 AM Usher Team
John Todd	Alicia, Andrew, and Ella Cecil
Julian Adkins	His Family
Julie and Bettina Abbott	Richard Abbott
Kate James	Rosemary and Jim McCullough
Lara Teague Curry	Lauren Pike Reinking
Larry Marino	Babcock, Cloud, Pike, Reinking Families
Lauren Banks	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Lee Childress	Mary W. Deal
Lola and Norman Hilliard	Dorothy and Dianne Moore
Luz & George Bitting and Kathy and Ed Spitzer	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Marian and Lester Jones	Sara and Waddy Street
Marshall E. McCabe, M.D.	Alice McCabe
Martha Rice	Steve and Beverly Parsley
Mary and Ed Fleming	Rosemary and Jim McCullough
Mary Lu Windberg and Craig Spitzer	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Members of the Stuart Family	A.D. and Callie Stuart
Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rollison, Connie McAdam, Rowena Manning, Dale Ward, Bill Ward	John and Pat Rollison
My Parents, Martha and James Adams	Shari Adams
Our Loved Ones	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Our Parents	Chip and Pat Tribble
Our Parents	David and Gayle Hickman
Our Parents	Mike and Susie Hildebrand
Our Parents and Randy Clegg (Judy's Brother)	Eric, Judy, Garrett, and Abby Oguich
Our Parents, Kate and Charles James	Janie Gendron and Beth Willingham
Parents, Betty Cross, Hilda and Charles Chiles	Teresa and Mike Cross

Peggy and Jack Harter	Connie Harter Burton
Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin T. Price	Patricia Price Ruscus
Rev. Doug Hill	Judy Oguich
Richard and Vera Barefoot	Amy Barefoot, Colin, Quinn, and Clare Murphy
Robert "Bob" Mitchell	Lauren Noonkester and Family
Scottie and Rick Rechenbach	The Rechenbach Family
Shelbe Kearney	Matthew and Jacob
Sherry Kerley	The Larkum Family
Vernon and Genevieve Collier	Mary W. Deal
William (PaPa) and Evelyn (DeeDee) Carlton	Loving Daughters and Grandson
William Rechenbach	The Rechenbach Family

<i>In Honor of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Amy, Jamie, Caitlin, Jackson, and Alex	Sara and Waddy Street
Betty T. Marshall	John-Scott, Catherine, Eloise, Teddy, and Clara Smith
Bill Pike	Jack and Lynn Berry
Brad and Jan Booker	John and Carolyn Simpson
Carol Crowder	Jim Crowder
Carolyn and Norman Bush	Thomas and Beth Rogers
Celia Todd	Alicia, Andrew, and Ella Cecil
Charles Staples	Amy Barefoot
Christi and Ashley Skipper, Kim, David, Emma, and Mason Hearn	Donna White
David and Mona Cecil	Alicia, Andrew, and Ella Cecil
David, Carol, and John Burch	Mother, Frances Burch
Donna White	David, Kim, Emma, and Mason Hearn
Eldon Summar	Dan and Lola Jean Nichols
Emily Brianna and Charlotte Elaina Benton	Their Grandparents, Colby and Jan Benton
Gray, Corey, Hilton and Byrd Booker	John and Carolyn Simpson
Hung Su Lim	Patricia and Milton Cerny
Jay and Linda Robinson	Cheryl, Pam, Meredith, David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan
Jo Lewis	Ellen and George Norris
Judy Oguich	3M, with love and thanks!
Judy Oguich	Mary W. Deal
Mary and J. D. Neary	Amy Barefoot
Mary Holland Thompson	The Trinity Choir
Melinda and Steven Tepe & Michelle and Chris Ford, Our Children	Dave and Gail Clelland
My Children and Grandchildren	Alice McCabe
My Dad (Allen Hickman)	David
Our Children and Grandchildren	Ken and Peggy Hart
Our Family	Milt and Pat Cerny
Our Grandsons, David & Jonathan Starling and Adam & Nathan Girardo	Jan and Linda Robinson
Pat Tribble	Chip Tribble
Phillis Whitaker	Dorothy and Dianne Moore
Rich and Sharon Bauer, who have now retired from faithfully cleaning and straightening the pews for many years!	Paula Cadden
Riley and Ryan Tepe, Our Grandchildren	Dave and Gail Clelland
Ruth Freeman	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Sabina Johnson	Pat and Milt Cerny
Shirley Hagerty, Our Parent	Dave and Gail Clelland
Sue Watkins	Wendy Floyd and Carol Wampler
Susan and Mike McLaughlin & Bill and Vikki Brock; Our Amazing Parents and Grandparents who support us during the year	Christian, Riian, Wesley, and Lila Brock
The Aaron Miller Family	Dianne and Bob Cursey
TUMC Staff	The Messick Family





Information from Finance

Contribution Statements

Please contact Diane Ladd if you need copy of your contribution statement before the end of the

2022 calendar year.

Gifts of Stock

Many members choose to make donations of stock as a tax-deductible contribution to Trinity. The Virginia United Methodist Foundation provides this brokerage service to churches free of charge. While our current broker has served us faithfully for many years, this is an offer we feel we can't pass up. If you are interested in making a stock donation, please go to <https://vaumfoundation.org/resources/forms/>. Look for "Gifts of Publicly Traded Stock" and fill out the form or call the church office and we can send you the form. As always, please let the Financial Administrator know when you have initiated a stock gift so we can be looking for the check and can match the check with the donor.

Calendar Year-end Contributions

IRS Code 10170A-1(b) states that only funds received by December 31, 2022 or postmarked by December 31, 2022 may be counted as 2022 contributions. The date of receipt or the postmark is the key to determining the year of receipt. Thus, if someone hand carries a check to the church on January 3, 2023 that is dated December 31, 2022 it is a **2023** gift according to IRS regulations. But, if a check arrives by mail at the church on January 3, 2023 and it is postmarked December 31, 2022 and the check is dated December 31, 2022 or before, it is a **2022** gift.

Please try to get your contributions for the calendar year into the church office by December 30, 2022. If you have any questions, call Diane Ladd at 288-6056.

United Methodist Day at the General Assembly

UM Day at the General Assembly is happening on January 26. If you aren't familiar with this event we'd love to tell you all about it! Faithful Virginia United Methodists from across our great Commonwealth have gathered in Richmond in January for over 30 years to advocate for our neighbors. When we gather together we arrange visits with our Senators to discuss issues that are relevant to our faith with direction from our friends and partners at Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy.

You can learn more about the event and our schedule on the [VAUMC website](#).



Winter Weather Decisions

Decisions for closing our building related to winter weather are tricky. Basically, we follow the closing announcements from Henrico County Public Schools. For example, if schools close early or are on a delayed opening, Trinity's opening and closing times are adjusted. If Henrico schools are closed, Trinity will be closed, and this would include all day and evening events. Our ability to re-open the building after a winter weather event depends upon how quickly we can clear our sidewalks and parking lots. If we can safely get people on to our grounds and into our building, then Trinity might return to normal operations quicker than the school system. Decisions related to closing the building on Saturdays and Sundays will be made based upon weather conditions at that time. Questions, contact Bill Pike bpike@trinityumc.net



Summer 2023 Mission Trip

For our 2023 summer mission trip, we're heading to Hinton Rural Life Center, in Hayesville, NC. This is a multi-generational trip designed to include our students as well as families and individuals who want to come along.

Hinton is a retreat center, but also a mission agency, with year-round opportunities for individual volunteers and mission teams to work with us and "alongside" our neighbors in Safe and Healthy Home Repair ministry. Other service options include our firewood ministry and Ervin Sanctuary Gardens & Trails. With its outreach focus, Hinton seeks to enhance the long-term quality of life in our rural area. And, Hinton guests "pay it forward," as our lodging revenues help support our community outreach programs.

Hinton is a United Methodist agency, and we welcome all — all individuals, all faith traditions, and non-faith-based groups seeking to meet, retreat, and serve in a spirit of acceptance and mutual respect. We invite you to experience Hinton Center hospitality and to become a part of our community through your stay and/or service.

We're looking at June 25-29. The cost is \$395/person, but scholarships and assistance are available upon request. This fee covers all meals, project supplies, lodging, and devotional booklet. Worship and programming are led by Hinton staff and includes Appalachian Culture Night, Poverty awareness activities, group devotional times, worship services, and more.

More information and registration coming soon.



Church Chores

If you have the time and want to assist with some church chores, please contact Bill Pike via email: bpike@trinityumc.net.

Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you so much for all the cards, food and phone calls when my son passed away. The altar flowers were beautiful and so comforting. Your thoughts and prayers were much appreciated.

Blessing,

Hildie Bottom

A big thanks to all who participated in the Kids Club Angel Tree! Due to your generosity, 50 gifts were collected for young people at Central UMC. Their Christmas will be brighter because of you!

Advent Thanks

Right around Thanksgiving, the appearance of our building begins to change. We want to thank everyone who works behind the scenes to make this happen. The chancel, the sanctuary windows and foyers, the exterior doors, and the Crismon tree are all part of this transformation. We thank Lynn Berry, Sarah Shutt, Helen Culley, Gerryann Priest, and their volunteers for their time, energy, and effort.

Also, we want to thank everyone who gave of themselves and their time to make Advent Jubilee a success. All four Advent Sundays required assistance, and we thank the staff and the congregation for their hard work.



Coffee Ministry

A new year is here! Which means there is a new sign-up for 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 and guests 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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa8ab22a5f85-trinity3>

Joys and Concerns

Births

Ryan David Tepe born on November 29 to Melinda and Steven Tepe. His grandparents are Dave and Gail Clelland.

Samaritan Award

It is with joy and appreciation that we inform you that Trinity UMC is being recognized as a 2022 Pinnacle Living Samaritan Award congregation. This recognition is presented to the ten local Virginia Annual Conference United Methodist churches with the highest level of giving to the Samaritan Program during the most recent fiscal year (June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022). The Samaritan Program has been an integral part of our mission and ministry since the opening of the Virginia Methodist Home for the aged in 1948.

On behalf of the Samaritan Program recipients living in our Pinnacle Living communities, thank you for your support of the Samaritan Program special offering appeal from Mother's Day through Father's Day and throughout the year. We are grateful for all you do to inform your congregation about our connectional work with older adults.



Pickleball Update

Recently we are having 8-10 people come out and play. Looking ahead, we are on the calendar for

Tuesdays through the month of January. 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

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, January 16 at 4 PM for events taking place in February**. 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.