

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

Psalm 130 A pilgrimage song.

- 1 I cry out to you from the depths, Lord—
- 2 my Lord, listen to my voice!
Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!
- 3 If you kept track of sins, Lord—
my Lord, who would stand a chance?
- 4 But forgiveness is with you—
that's why you are honored.
- 5 I hope, Lord.
My whole being hopes,
and I wait for God's promise.
- 6 My whole being waits for my Lord—
more than the night watch waits for morning;
yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!
- 7 Israel, wait for the Lord!
Because faithful love is with the Lord;
because great redemption is with our God!
- 8 He is the one who will redeem Israel
from all its sin.

We are in the season of Lent. What is Lent? According to the United Methodist Book of Worship, "Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians."

Lent helps us prepare for the indescribable joy of Easter by first focusing on where we, as individuals and as community, fall short of God's expectation. Our faith gives us the ability to hope in the Lord even when we look at darkness. Our cultural response to "give up something for Lent," begins to capture some of this feeling, but is often reduced to not doing something we already know we shouldn't. Instead, I encourage us to spend time focusing on what is really important and strive to reduce reliance on what isn't. How can we focus more intently on what God has in store? How can we focus more intentionally on what the Kingdom of God is about? How can we change our lives to reflect God's Kingdom into our community and world more completely, more sincerely, and more energetically? Practices to help us focus during Lent include reading devotional material, prayer, fasting, and self-denial.

A truth of life is that none of us get life or faith right all the time. That's why we need Christ the Savior. That's why we need each other. That's why we are built for community and relationships. That's why I believe we are always better together, which also happens to also be our stewardship theme this year. Take time to pray over the estimate of giving cards you will be receiving in the mail (if not, contact the office and we will make sure you get one). We are all gifted with amazing resources of treasures, time, and talents. Be honest as to what you bring to our common table and what of that you are willing to share to advance God's kingdom work in our world today. This is not something to be taken lightly, which is why the season of Lent is a perfect time for this reflection and honesty. We have work to do, and we will do it better together.

I know we have great things to accomplish and lives to change, together. I look forward with anticipation to the renewed sense of focus, purpose, and dedication that I see bursting forth from Easter. But first, we have Lent. Use it wisely and well.

Yours in Christ,



Young at Heart Upcoming Programs and Events

Come and Bring a friend or two!

Tuesday, March 14 Come hear Jim Crowder, Trinity's Chair of Trustees, and Corey Booker, Trinity's Chair of Church Council share about the future building projects for Trinity. We will meet in the Welcome Center, 2- 3:30 PM.

Wednesday, April 19 Day trip to Gordonsville, Virginia – 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM. We will explore the antique mall, have lunch on our own at one of their many restaurants, and then have time to explore this delightful town! Register either Sunday, March 26 or Sunday, April 2 or by contacting Judy Oguich. Registration is needed to help us plan for transportation.

Tuesday, May 16 Day trip Farmville, Virginia – times to be determined. We will visit the Moton Museum and then have lunch at a local restaurant. Registration is needed to help us plan transportation: Sunday, April 30 or Sunday May 7, or by contacting Judy Oguich.

Upcoming Events:

July – trip to visit the Mariner's Museum in Newport News

August 16 – trip to have lunch and see matinee Performance of "Oil City Symphony" at Hanover Tavern/Barksdale Theater

Fall 2023 – trip to see The Bible Museum in Washington, DC



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

- **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.

Stewardship Moment

Sunday, February 26 will mark the beginning of our Annual Stewardship Campaign. Our theme this year is **Better Together**. We selected this theme because it is easy to see when we all work and give *together* we get so much accomplished. Your Stewardship Team is comprised of some extraordinary, hard-working people. They are, Joe Andrews, Paul Brooks, Sarah Hall, Dianne Moore, Elaine Peele, and Emily Toalson. They will be available to answer your Stewardship questions at various times throughout this campaign.

You will be receiving in the mail, your Stewardship letter, Estimate of Giving Card, and FAQ. Please review these prayerfully and return your card as soon as possible. You may mail this in, go to the Trinity website and complete the card online or you may wait until March 19, Commitment Sunday, and turn your card in at either service. Please be sure to visit the Better Together page of the Trinity website for more information and videos.

The following campaign events are planned. Please take advantage of as many as you can.

- Weekly updates on the church monitors each Sunday.
- Stewardship Coffee Talk – March 5 at 10:00-10:45 and 12:00-12:45 in the Welcome Center. This will give you an opportunity to talk with Stewardship Team members to ask questions.
- March 19 is Commitment Sunday.
- Celebration Sunday will be April 23 at 12:00 in Trinity Hall. A lunch will be served, and the results of our campaign will be presented. Please plan to attend and celebrate the generosity of our Trinity family.

Truly we are BETTER TOGETHER!



Better Together



Pub Theology

On **Tuesday, February 28**, and **Tuesday, March 28**, join us for Pub Theology. 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.



Good Friday Passion Service Friday, April 7, 7:00 PM

This service uses a combination of reading the entire Passion narrative in Mark using multiple readers along with classical art images to illustrate the text. Communion will be part of this service together, and we will leave in the uncomfortable silence of the tomb.

Holy Week and Easter at Trinity

Holy Week:

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday

Friday, April 7: 7:00 PM Good Friday

Easter Sunday, April 9:

6:30 AM: Sunrise Service (Outdoors) Holy Communion will take place.

9:00 AM: Modern Celebration (In-person and Online) Holy Communion will take place.

11:00 AM: Traditional Celebration (In-person and Online) Holy Communion will take place.

Bring fresh cut flowers to decorate the cross!



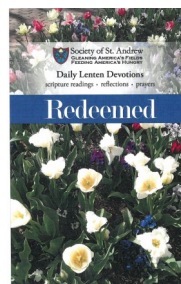
2023 Lenten Devotional

Regular devotion time is one of the spiritual practices we highly recommend. Whether you use one of our recommended devotions or one you find on your own, we encourage you to take the intentional time to focus, especially during this holy season of Lent.

We recommend **two different options** for your Lenten Devotional this season.

- One option is a daily devotion by Society of St. Andrew, a Virginia-based gleaning and feeding ministry.
- The other is a weekly devotion produced by clergy in the Virginia Conference, including our own Hung Su Lim.

To find the options go to: <https://trinityumc.net/lent>



Lenten Easter Mission Offering: Heart Work

For many years, the Trinity congregation has supported the Lenten Easter Mission Offering (LEMO). Unlike our Advent offering that singularly focuses on assisting United Methodist Family Services, LEMO is an application driven process. Trinity members can apply for a grant on behalf of a nonprofit, or nonprofits in our community can file an application.

In 2022, ten nonprofits completed the application process. The Trinity congregation donated \$15,583.00 to LEMO. Trinity members Betsy Estes, Virginia Rhines, and Bill Pike reviewed the applications. This team worked diligently to ensure that each nonprofit received a portion of the 2022 funding. Local, state, and international organizations benefitted from the congregation's generous hearts.

As we move into the season of Lent, at various times, we will be reminding the congregation about how LEMO donations make a significant difference in the lives of people who are touched by the work from the nonprofits.

It is our hope that your hearts will continue to support the Lenten Easter Mission Offering.



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 fire-wood 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. Interested in signing up? Need more information? <https://www.trinityumc.net/summer-missions-2023/>

Cedarfield Celebration

Join us on **Tuesday, March 28**, 3:30 - 4:30 PM in Cedarfield's Fellowship Hall for our quarterly celebration! We love spending time with our Cedarfield residents, but every Trinity member is welcome!!! Along with wonderful fellowship, we will have a Trinity update, a Cedarfield update, sing a few hymns and have communion.

If you can participate on March 28, please contact Carol Wampler (carolwampler@msn.com) or John Taylor (jaydeetay@verizon.net).

Additional Cedarfield Celebration dates for 2023:

Tuesday, June 6

Tuesday, September 26

Tuesday, December 12



Trinity Foundation Scholarships

The Trinity Foundation is pleased to announce that it will offer scholarships again this year to Trinity members for undergraduate and graduate studies. These scholarships are made possible because Trinity families and friends have established scholarship funds through the Trinity Foundation. Applications are available on-line. Applications must be received at the church office by noon on **Wednesday, April 5.**

To apply online go to trinityumc.net/scholarships. You can also download a copy of the scholarship form on that page. Applications and attachments can be sent via email to: Paula Cadden at pcadden@trinityumc.net. They can also be sent via USPS to: Trinity UMC, Attn: Paula, 903 Forest Avenue, Richmond, VA 23229.

Trinity students who attend Virginia Wesleyan University are eligible to apply for the Eugene R. Woolridge, Jr. and Jane Smith Woolridge Scholarship, established by Trinity UMC and Virginia Beach UMC in honor of our former minister and his wife. For more information, contact the Virginia Wesleyan Director of Financial Aid, Teresa Rhyne, at trhyne@vwu.edu or 757-455-3345.

Trinity's "Feed My Sheep" Ministry

Bonnie Andrews and her team of talented cooks is off and running with stocking the Trinity freezer with our new "Feed My 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 "feed my 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



**Spring
FEST**

12
MARCH
3-5 PM

**INFLATABLES - PETTING ZOO -
FOOD TRUCKS - PICKLEBALL -
GAGA BALL - BIKE PARADE**

TRINITY UMC - 903 FOREST AVE

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND JOIN US
FOR A GREAT DAY OF SPRING FUN!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE
AT TRINITYUMC.NET

TRINITY
United Methodist Church

Parents Night Out

64 kids from 32 families had a blast at church while their parents had a night out at our Parents Night Out. A Huge THANK YOU to the youth and adult volunteers who made this event possible!



Flower Tribute at Easter

Easter is a time when we choose to honor and/or memorialize loved ones by listing their names in the bulletin on Easter Sunday morning.

The cost to have a tribute “in honor of” or “in memory of” listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin is \$20.

The funds received will be used to offset the cost of flowers used to decorate the sanctuary and foyers on Easter Sunday. Monies received above the cost of the flowers will be donated to Missions at Trinity as part of our Lenten Easton Mission Offering (LEMO).



The deadline for receiving your contribution is TUESDAY, March 28.

Place this form in the offering plate



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



Please list the following tribute in the bulletin on Easter Sunday:

In Honor Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

AND / OR

In Memory Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



Donor's Printed Name and Phone #: _____

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TRINITY Kids

What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

Kids Discipleship at 10am



This is what we are learning about in March:

Clank! Beep! Clunk! Kids love robots, especially ones that can transform into something new or have really cool abilities. In this four-week series from Jesus' ministry on earth, you'll introduce kids to a different story each week that shows us how God's truths never change, but Jesus changes everything — including us! We'll see that we change when we know who God is, our past doesn't change God's love for us, and that Jesus changes how we see things because Jesus can change anything!



Holy Week Stones is a family devotional/activity kit that your family can use during Holy Week or any time during the Lent season. This kit includes 8 devotions for you to use each day of Holy Week. Each devotion also includes a painted stone activity for you to complete.

How does this kit work?

On each day, read the devotion for the day, discuss, and then paint and set out the corresponding stone. You can display the stones on your dinner table, fireplace, or even outside by the mailbox. These stones will serve as reminders of the last week of Jesus' life on earth.

Please sign up here if you would like a Holy Week Stones kit: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8dwm4n>

They will be available to pick up in mid-March!



Join us on Sunday, March 19 at 10am in room 300 for The Ultimate Easter Hunt Family Discipleship Event!

Note: This will take the place of kids discipleship programming at 10am although the nursery for those 3 and under will still be open.

Families will rotate through six different stations with hands-on activities that will help them understand the true meaning of Easter.

Although this hunt is NOT for Easter eggs, we will conclude with kids decorating an Easter egg cookie to enjoy as they reflect upon the true meaning of Easter!

Sign up here if you are planning on joining us for this event: <https://tinyurl.com/3sae4hub>



Transit is meeting on March 5 and 19 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!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2j8wex9n>

Student Ministries

Trinity Students this March...

- 5 Sunday School/ Youth Group
- 11 Confirmation Retreat Day 8am-7:00pm
- 12 Sunday School
Spring Fest
- 19 Sunday School
Confirmations Session Noon-1:30pm
Youth Group
- 24-26 Refuel Retreat at Camp Willow Springs
- 26 No Sunday School (retreat)
No Youth Group (retreat)

Save the Dates

- Confirmation Sunday: April 16
- Youth Local Serve/KidsCamp: July 10-14
- Summer Worship and Games (SWAG): July 31-Aug 3

Trinity Students ReFuel 23 at Camp Willow Springs

Trinity Students are headed to ReFuel 23 at Camp Willow Springs March 24-26. The cost is \$35 paid directly to ReFuel 23. Please note: You'll need to register both with Trinity UMC for Transportation and ReFuel Camp here: <https://lightthenight.nm-secure.com/camp> and you will pay ReFuel (Light the Night Ministries) Sign up here: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/TrinityUMC3/trinitystudentsrefuel23atcampwillowsprings>

Massey offers Summer 2023 training and education programs

Massey's Cancer Research Training and Education Coordination initiatives offer oncology-focused learning opportunities through its innovative pathway program. Applications open for Massey's Summer 2023 offerings. Explore programs by academic level for program dates and application details.

High School

- Community High School Engagement & Learning (CHiSEL) program
- Summer Healthcare Experience (SHE) in Oncology

More info at masseynews@vcu.edu





United
Women
in Faith

From Trinity UWF President

Dear Trinity Sisters,

I'm still channeling Valentine's Day, singing
"What the world needs now is love sweet love".

Yes, dear ones, let us continue to do small things with
great love.

Many thanks to Bonnie Andrews and her crew for her
'Feed My Sheep' ministry. The second batch of turkey
soup and baked apples is in the Trinity Hall freezer,
ready to be delivered to those in need.

Continue to bring your canned goods, peanut butter,
jelly, and cereal to TH on Fridays and Sundays, for
our Food Bank partners.

Please plan ahead and put our meeting dates on your
calendars so our speakers will have a good crowd.

Be Salt and Light and remember: You are loved,

Jo

**Three Notch'd District
United Women in Faith
Upcoming Event**

**Lenten Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, March 11**



First United Methodist Church
101 E. Jefferson St. Charlottesville, VA 22902
Worship leader and Speaker: Rev. Alex Joyner
Registration & Breakfast 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Cost \$5 to cover meal

Registration information will be sent out to the Circles
as we get closer to the date.

Save the Dates:



**Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
Because We Believe, We Try to Understand
March 14
10 AM**

We will look at statistics, causes and the impact on our
community of the School to Prison pipeline. We will
also look at how Trinity is working in our community
to help students succeed.

The offering received this day will support the
ongoing racial justice work of United Women in
Faith's national office, such as the campaign to
interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline.



**Spring Service Day
April 11
9-12**

Circle News

Circle 1 – On March 21 we meet in room 323 at 9:30.

Circle 5 – We are planning a lunch gathering.
Contact Anne Burch or Louise Girvin for details.

Circle 4 – Our March meeting will be on the March 2
at 11 AM in room 323. Nancy Lott will lead a
discussion of Catherine Marshall's *The Helper*.

Circle 6 – We will meet on March 7 at 10 AM in
room 319. The program will be from the Mosaic of
Faith book.

Circle 10 – we will meet March 2 at 7 PM at the
home of Jan Booker. Emily Toalson-Director of
Major Gifts for Children's Hospital Foundation will be
the guest speaker.



Ivy and Weeds

We appreciate the kind patience of our invasive ivy removers. It's tough work, but we can see a difference.

Our relatively mild winter has given weeds an early start in the borders around the building. With spring approaching, we would like to get a quick start on removing weeds too. If you have time to do a bit of weed pulling, email Bill Pike: bpike@trinityumc.net

Thank You Note

For the last 54 years Trinity has been a special place for my family and me. This year has been no different. When I went into the hospital for knee replacement surgery I thought it would be routine, but there were complications from anesthesia and medications.

Finally, I am on the road to recovery. Thanks for your prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, food and visits. The beautiful altar flowers warmed my heart because they came from the church I love. I hope to be back at Trinity in the near future and look forward to seeing all of you.

Blessings to all,
Nancy Owen

The New Parlor

We all wrestle with the impact of change. In a church building, it takes a careful balance to acknowledge the past while casting a vision for the present and the future. During the last year, the Trustees implemented a transformation to the parlor. Those improvements included a new ceiling, lighting, flooring, painting, repurposing a faux window space, and furniture. The Trustees would like to thank Nell Smith for coordinating this project with many volunteers from the congregation. The Trustees also appreciate financial support from the congregation, Church Council, Finance Committee, the Trinity Foundation, and the family of Colleen Berninger for donating a beautiful clock. The Trustees hope you will visit the Parlor.



Joys and Concerns

Our sympathies to...

Gail Clelland whose brother-in-law Greg Reed died February 7

*The family of Doris Zimmer who died January 31
Valarie Coats whose mother-in-law Judi Coats died January 29*

*The family of Ann Jones who died January 26
The family of Millie Beverage who died January 21*



Coffee Ministry

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>



Volunteering in our Community

The Virginia Annual Conference depends upon churches to send in a variety of year end reports. These reports cover a wide range of activities and apply to every age group. In 2023, churches in the conference will be required to report these data/statistics on a more frequent basis. For example, we know that members of our congregation volunteer at multiple nonprofits and schools across the Richmond area. Now, we are going to need your help in documenting when you volunteer.

We are going to keep this simple by using a software program that will allow you to sign in and provide the following information: your name, the name of the organization, and the number of days you volunteer per month. To enter: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/TrinityUMC3/CommunityVolunteer>

If you have questions about this request, please email Bill Pike: bpike@trinityumc.net.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, March 20 at 4 PM for events taking place in April**. 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.