

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

42 The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. 43 A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. 44 All the believers were united and shared everything. 45 They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. 46 Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. 47 They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

In the very early church, we see that coming together to meet was important. The passage above was just after Pentecost, at the very beginning. I am so glad we have the tools we have now that enable us to meet even if we can't be in the same place. But meeting is important. Making decisions together is important. In Acts 15, we have an account of an early Jerusalem Council in which Paul attended. Meeting as a body to settle on how the church does what it does has been part of the church DNA since the very beginning.

This month, our three pastors as well as our three elected lay members will head to Roanoke to attend the 241st session of the Virginia Annual Conference. We will be meeting with up to 3000 others to catch up on the work of the church, worship together, pray together, certify and ordain ministers, and make decisions regarding the work of the annual conference. This year, our new bishop has modified our schedule so that we have no business or worship after dinner, freeing the evenings for fellowship. Already, social activities have been organized to give those attending ways to come together in fellowship and fun. It is, after all, often the one place we get to see all our friends and colleagues during the year.

Please be in prayer for our bishop, who officiates the meeting, the annual conference members, and the leadership of the conference. The work of the annual conference is important, and does impact the life and the ministry here at Trinity in some ways. We have work to do, and when we look at the work we do along with the other churches in Virginia, we do much more than we can by ourselves.

It is good to come together. Let our coming together be meaningful and in the spirit of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

"Thank You!"

My father-in-law, who is a retired Methodist minister, used to say that a Methodist pastor needs to be ready to do three things: "Being ready to preach, move, and die." I think that describes who we are and what we are called to do. So we, as Methodists, share an itinerant system. In a simple way to explain this, it will allow churches to have pastors, and pastors have churches to serve.

But as I have been pondering what my father-in-law said and the Methodist itinerant system in this time of transition, I realize there is much of that. In the Bible, we know that God sends God's people to do God's works in the world. Noah was called to build the ark. Abraham was called to leave into an unknown place. Joseph lived in a foreign country as an immigrant. Prophets were called to proclaim the word of God and, often, to confront political and religious leaders. Finally, God sent Jesus to save the world. Jesus even said to his disciples, "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you" (John 20:21). An "apostle" also means the one who is sent. I think sending is a sacred act because it allows us to be vulnerable and trust in the one who sends you. Our itinerant system reflects this sacred act of sending. It may be challenging to leave where we used to be, but it will be adventurous to discover new meanings of our faith journey.

We, lay or clergy, are all part of this journey. Many of us may not be sent physically, but we're called to go and leave. That might be our political, religious, or social-economic views or perspectives that we always have. That might be our own narratives on how we see the world and value things. That might be our stereotypes or biases on many things. But when we leave our comfort zone physically and spiritually and take a leap of faith, we may have a new opportunity to grow and serve according to God's call.

I have met beautiful people in the past four years and experienced their love in Trinity. Being part of Trinity has been a blessing for me and my family. I remember the first week here in Richmond when people brought food to us for a week. My family was filled with your love, joy, and generosity. I remember all the thank you notes and seasonal notes that you sent us with your love and thoughtfulness. I remember all the times that we came together to do ministries through worship, prayer, Bible studies, small groups, missions, outreach, and so on. I remember the times that we struggled to survive during the pandemic. I remember hospital visits, memorial services, and assisted living facility visits. I cherish all the memories because I felt joy in all that. Those were moments that I sensed God's presence among us.

Trinity is a beautiful community of faith that God created to exemplify God's kingdom on earth. So we have a holy calling to reflect God's love and grace for the world. We're called to welcome anyone who seeks God's grace and love because God loves and welcomes all. We're called to reach out and share the good news of Jesus Christ because our risen Christ is the only one who can satisfy our hunger for love and meanings.

I'll miss Trinity and its people, but we're connected through the Spirit. We're all called to make discipleship of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. So I'll continue to pray for Trinity, its people, and my successor, Rev. Daniel Guenther. Please pray for me, my family, and St. John's UMC in Buena Vista, where I will begin to serve in July.

"May the Lord bless you and keep. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Shalom!"

Rev. Hung Su Lim



CELEBRATION for HUNG SU

Sunday, June 11
12:00 Noon
Trinity Hall



After four years of dedicated service as our Associate Minister, Reverend Hung Su Lim is accepting the call as the Senior Pastor of St. John's UMC in Buena Vista, VA. Trinity's Staff Parish Relations Committee is very grateful for Pastor Hung Su's ministry, and he will truly be missed. We are working to provide a meaningful farewell for Hung Su, and we would like you to join us in celebrating his time in ministry with us. The celebration will be a covered-dish luncheon in Trinity Hall at Noon on Sunday, June 11. If you would like to bring something please [sign up](#), but please include this on your calendar!

We are compiling a collection of remembrances and words of appreciation to be presented at the luncheon. Submit your remembrances to Kim Tingler in the church office, or mail them to the church or you can email them to ktingler@trinityumc.net. All submissions need to be received no later than Monday, June 5.

Please make plans to be with us on Sunday, June 11. Hung Su has inspired us and set an amazing example of Christian faith and service throughout his time at Trinity. Join us to show our love and appreciation for his ministry.

Trinity UMC Staff Parish Relations Committee

Cedarfield Celebration

Join us on **Tuesday, June 6**, 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. Rev. Hung Su will also bring us a devotion.

If you can participate on June 6, contact Carol Wampler (carolwampler@msn.com) or John Taylor (jaydeetay@verizon.net).

Additional Cedarfield Celebration dates for 2023:

Tuesday, September 26
Tuesday, December 12

Charge Conference

Trinity's Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, June 11** at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. This will be a brief business meeting.

The members of Church Council will be the only ones voting on any items brought up.



Young at Heart Upcoming Programs and Events

Tuesday, June 13 2 – 3:30 PM
Come hear our own Bill Pike share what it was like to be a roadie for The Beach Boys! We will meet in the Welcome Center.



Wednesday, July 12 2 - 3:30 PM
Come hear Mike Beall give a program on "Coins from the Bible." Place TBD.

Wednesday, August 16 11:15 AM – 4:30 PM
Join us as we go to Hanover Tavern/Barksdale Theater for lunch and then see the matinee performance of "Oil City Symphony". Cost is \$45 for the show, lunch is paid on your own. **Reservation deadline: Sunday, August 6.**



SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Day trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC. We will travel by chartered bus, limited to 55 people. Cost of bus and museum will be approximately \$50 (if we fill the bus!). Friends and family are welcome to join us !!



Next Steering Committee Meeting:
Tuesday, July 5 at 3:30 PM in the Conference Room off the narthex. Everyone is welcome!!



Father's Day Attire Reminder

On **Sunday, June 18**, all the men of Trinity are invited to ditch the tie and sport coat, and wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt in honor of Father's Day.



Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will be Tuesday, June 27. 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.



Save The Date

Staff Parish invites you to hold on your calendar Sunday, July 9.

On **Sunday, July 9**, we will welcome Daniel Guenther to Trinity. More information will be coming.



Fiscal Year Ends

This is just a reminder that June 30, 2023 marks the end of the current fiscal year. Pledge contributions need to be in the church office by June 30, 2023 or postmarked by June 30, 2023. If you need to know the status of your financial promise for the 2022-2023 year, contact Paula Cadden at pcadden@trinityumc.net or 288-6056.

Save The Date!

In cooperation with Douglas Freeman High School, the Henrico Education Foundation, River Road Church, Baptist, Third Church, and Trinity UMC, the Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K will be hosted by Trinity on **Saturday, September 16**. Lara Teague Curry was an outstanding social studies teacher at Douglas Freeman High School who passed away in October 2022. A scholarship fund has been established by the Teague and Curry families at the school with the sole purpose to help students. Proceeds from the 5K will benefit the scholarship fund. This event will include a Kids Fun Run at 8 AM followed by the 5K. More information will be coming throughout the summer.

LARA TEAGUE CURRY MEMORIAL



5K &

KIDS FUN RUN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST
THIRD CHURCH - ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DOUGLAS S. FREEMAN HIGH SCHOOL - HENRICO EDUCATION FOUNDATION
AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION
HENRICO MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Healthy Church Committee

The Trinity Healthy Church Committee met this week to: (i) review the current COVID-19 data, noting the continued relaxing of COVID protocols and standards in our community and beyond; and (ii) discuss our current policy of requiring masking in the sanctuary balcony.

After discussion, the Committee determined to end the mask requirement in our sanctuary balcony for all events OTHER than worship services, effective immediately.

For our 9 and 11 AM worship services, we will continue our current mask requirement policy for now while we poll those in our sanctuary balcony during the month of June. We will ask for their input about continuing to require masks or whether to move to a standard where masking and social distancing are welcome but not required.

Members with Unknown Addresses

We have had return mail for all of the following people, so therefore we do not have a current mailing address for the following members. If you can supply an address or a telephone number, contact Kimberly Tingler at ktingler@trinityumc.net or 288-6056.

Ms. Lois Abernathy
Mrs. Stephanie Abernathy Allison
Mr. Lyle Patrick Atkinson
Mrs. Cindy Woodfin Bennett
Mr. Robert MacIntyre Bennett, Jr.
Mr. F. Joseph Burger
Mr. Dale Chambers
Mrs. Norma Chambers
Mr. Daniel Arthur Conrad
Mrs. Patricia Cox Conrad
Mrs. Leigh Ann Coppola
Mr. William Robert Culpin
Mrs. Kathryn LaRue Culpin
Mr. Anthony Earl Curtis
Mrs. Kelly Miles Curtis
Mr. Benjamin T. Davies
Mrs. Jennifer Olivia-Graumann Davies
Mr. Bernard T. Doyle, Jr.
Mrs. Catherine K. Droppleman
Mr. Richard Paul Eastman
Mr. Shawn William Fenner
Mrs. Laura Welch Hastings
Mr. Christopher W. Hatton
Mrs. Gabrielle Brierre Hatton
Mrs. Susan Gail Ilch
Mr. Charles Joseph Jeffries
Mrs. Michele Lloyd Jeffries
Mrs. Kathryn Adele Wright Jeremiah
Ms. Tina Michelle Kirk
Mrs. Phyllis Alease Lacy
Mr. Daniel Pike Leslie
Mr. Peter Madzudzo
Mrs. Anne Stanley McIntyre
Mr. Mike Noll
Mr. Andrew Stephen Price
Mrs. Jenny Stark Price
Mrs. Katherine Anne Richwine-Neace
Mrs. Margaret Richwine Samuel
Mr. Andrew Wallen Scott
Mr. Jared Michael Scott
Mrs. Jolene Kay Wallen Scott
Mr. Michael Munson Scott
Mrs. Haley White Slough
Mrs. Bette Jayne Sowers
Mr. Matthew David Sydnor
Mrs. Stephanie Sisson Thomas
Mrs. Sue Dawn Thomas Thompson
Mrs. Laura Baker Williams
Mr. Stewart Greyson Williams
Mr. Charles Thomas Wright

TRINITY Kids

What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

Kids Discipleship at 10am



This is what we are learning about in June:

Whether it's with LEGO bricks, Minecraft, or Roblox, kids (and adults!) love to make things — and sometimes break them. In this four-week series from the very beginning of the Bible, we'll compare God's ability to make good things with our tendency to break them. Through the stories of creation, the fall, Cain and Abel, and the Tower of Babel, we'll see that God makes good things, unbreaks what's been broken, and made us different on purpose, so we should honor God with the things we make.



Summer Family Faith Kits are available and can be picked up in the Welcome Center while supplies last! Please take one bucket per family and take God's Word with you wherever you go this summer!



Family Camp is returning on Sundays at 10am for four weeks this summer!! (July 23 – August 13)

What is Family Camp? After Kids Camp, which is a fun experience for our kids, Trinity Kids offers Family Camp, a fun experience for the whole family – kids and adults! This is our third year of offering Family Camp over the summer and our second year of focusing Family Camp on the four spiritual habits that help kids and adults – the whole family – grow in their faith: spending time with God, spending time with others, using your gifts, and sharing your story!

This summer our Family Camp format will change a little bit to focus more of our time on families working together each week on an activity that ties in with one of the spiritual habits. **Family Camp is planned with the goal of giving families a shared experience that will help them continue faith conversations at home!**



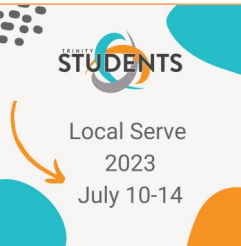
Student Ministry

JUNE

- 4 Early-bird deadline for Local Serve Sunday School 10AM
- 11 Sunday School 10AM / Summer Hangout Open House 5:30-7:30PM
- 18 Father's Day / No Sunday School
- 21 Summer Hang Out Open House 8-10PM
- 25 Sunday School 10AM
- 25-30 Hinton Summer Mission

REGISTER NOW FOR:

Youth Local Serve/Kids Camp: July 10-14
 Summer Worship and Games (SWAG): July 31-Aug 3



Trinity Middle and High School Youth are serving for a special week of local mission here in Richmond!

What to expect: We'll be serving at Trinity's Kids Camp in the morning and then engaging in various service sites in the afternoons also while enjoying some fun evening activities (Laser Tag, a PACE Center overnight) and some time of discipleship!

July 10-14

- Monday 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM
- Tuesday 8:30 AM- 9:00 PM
- Wednesday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
- Thursday 8:30 AM – overnight at the PACE Center
- Friday until 1:00PM (after Kids Camp clean up)

Early-bird before June 4: \$60

Cost after June 4: \$70

Registration Deadline: July 1

Register: <https://www.trinityumc.net/youth-local-serve-2023/>

Trinity Students welcomed our rising 6th graders at Patterson Golf Park!



SWAG 2023! Summer Worship and Games for Trinity Youth! July 31-August 3 6:00-9:00 PM

What is SWAG (Summer Worship and Games)? SWAG is an awesome time of fun, fellowship, and a time of worship for our middle and high school youth. At SWAG, we break into four teams for the week and have fun competing in games as our old youth act as counselors and welcome our younger youth into this fun awesome event.

We have a ton of fun sometimes playing in water, having a mystery night, and we've been known to have a night of messy games.

Want to help make SWAG happen by contributing items or funds? <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A8A72AA2FDC16-swag3>

SWAG Registration:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/TrinityUMC3/SWAGRegistration2023>



Trinity Students at Youth Group!





Trinity Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Trinity Foundation Scholarships. The Foundation awarded five scholarships of \$1500 each. Griffin Belding (University of Georgia) received the William G. McClure, Jr. Scholarship, Annabelle Glassman (William & Mary) received the David C. Ekey Scholarship, Emmie Love (William & Mary) received the Stuart Graham Family Scholarship, Russell Swartz (Virginia Tech) received the Alysia Burton Basmajian Scholarship and Sophia Swartz (Virginia Tech) received the L.E. Galaspie Scholarship.

The Trinity Foundation extends best wishes to these five outstanding young people as they continue their educational journey.

community CONVERSATIONS

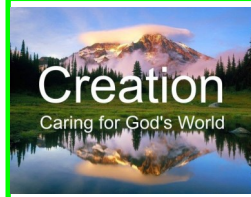


During the past two years, we implemented a new program: Community Conversations. The premise was simple. We invited interesting guests from our community, interviewed them about their work, and invited the audience to ask questions too. We had lots of fun with Community Conversations, and we learned quite a bit from each guest.

I'd like to thank our guests, the Trinity staff, our viewers at home and those who attended in person for your support. Personally, I enjoyed putting the programs together, but wanted to let you know that we are not going to offer Community Conversations in 2023-24 in its current format. Thanks again, Bill Pike

Church Chores

Thanks to the Trustees and Finance Committee, we budget for the upkeep of the property and grounds of the church. However, we also keep a list of small chores and projects that can be completed by a church member or a small group of church members. Grounds work, power washing, painting, and decluttering are among the areas identified. If you have a bit of time to dedicate to one of these chores, contact Bill Pike: bpiketrinityumc.net.



How Trinity Families Care for Creation

We asked 'what will your family do' to care for God's creation? On Sunday May 6 many of you answered. Of the activities listed on the card, the most-supported was to recycle correctly (89%), followed closely by reducing our use of plastics (79%), eliminating food waste at our home (71%) and conserving water (68%). Only two families committed to organic gardening. The next most daunting activities were to try composting (5), and plog (pick up trash as we jog or walk) or plant a tree (6).

We received several thoughtful write-ins, including:

- Use a clothesline instead of a dryer
- Install solar panels and smart thermostats
- Carpool, walk or bike when possible (on multiple cards)
- Shop at thrift/consignment stores (on multiple cards)
- Drive hybrid vehicles (on multiple cards)
- Buy local foods when possible
- Reduce use of electricity; lower and raise temperatures for heating and cooling
- Pray
- Help clean up our neighborhood
- Donate items for good causes
- Donate to charities that contribute to creation care
- Conserve supplies and resources in our workplaces
- Buy from companies that practice sustainability and fair trade

Thank You to the families who took the time to fill in the card and a BIG THANKS to everyone for all you do all year long to be good stewards of God's creation!

The Chapel Project

The initial demolition work for the Chapel renovation started on Tuesday, May 30. We do not have a projected completion date. Completion of the project is tied to the schedule of the contractors and availability of materials. Thank you for your patience and support.

Lenten Easter Mission Offering – Heart Work

Thanks to everyone who made a donation to the Lenten Easter Mission Offering. To apply for a grant, please complete an application on-line at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/TrinityUMC3/2023LentenEasterMissionOfferingMissionGrantApplication> or bring a completed application to the church office. Deadline for turning in the application is **Sunday, June 11**. If you have questions, contact Bill Pike by e-mail: bpike@TrinityUMC.net or phone 804-288-6056.

Samaritan Fund

We emphasize the Samaritan Fund Drive each year, Mother's Day through Father's Day. It helps supplement monetary needs of seniors residing in United Methodist Homes when they have outlived their resources. Checks should be made to TUMC with "Samaritan Fund" on the memo line. Place your check in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. It may also be mailed to Pinnacle Living Samaritan Program, 5101 Cox Road, Suite 225, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Lay Servant Academy

The next Virginia Annual Conference Lay Servant Academy will occur virtually on August 18-19. Online course offerings will be:

- United Methodist Heritage (Bishop Sue Haupt-Johnson, instructor)
- Basic Course (Richard Speirs, instructor)
- Spiritual Gifts (Joseph Plemmons, instructor)
- Leading Well in Conflict Transformation (Sarah Calvert, instructor)
- Called to Preach! (Nathan Decker, instructor)
- Introduction to Simplified Accountable Structure (Instructor TBD)
- Certified Lay Minister Orientation (Joanna Dietz and Jennifer Robinson-O'Brien, instructors).

Cost is \$35 for all courses except CLM Orientation, which is \$15. For more information, follow this link: <https://vaumc.org/layservantacademy/>

To register, click [here](#).

Contact Tianna Durbin, Lay Servant Academy Director (tiannad@arcolachurch.org) if you have questions.

Joys and Concerns

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Mary Dial who died May 13
Mark Friedrich whose mother Sonya Friedrich
died May 9*

*Steve Smith whose mother Virginia Smith died April 29
Steve Parsley whose wife Beverly Parsley died April 28*

Hope Springs Eternal

Pastor holds conversations on Church Future

The Rev. Natalie Justice, a pastor in the Holston Conference, is talking to United Methodist leaders for her video series "Hope Springs Eternal." Rev. Justice speaks to pastors and other church leaders about The United Methodist Church's future. She plans to post a new video each Monday. Those interviewed include the Revs. Matt Rawle, Dawn Chesser, Rachel Billups, Michael Slaughter, Sharon Austin and retired Bishop Kenneth Carder.

[Watch YouTube playlist](#)

[View on Facebook](#)

NewsLetter
DEADLINE **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, June 19 at 4 PM for events taking place in July**. 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.