

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner



On the day the Lord God made earth and sky— before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the Lord God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human being to farm the fertile land, though a stream rose from the earth and watered all of the fertile land— the Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed. In the fertile land, the Lord God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. *Genesis 2:4b-9*

When God made the world, it was the stuff of legend. Creation was, because of God. Humans were created with the very breath of God. All was well. We know how the story goes from there, when our selfish tendencies got the better of us. They still do today. But let's back up. God created something amazing. It was lush. It was green. It provided everything needed for life.

God provided. We seem to forget that in our world today. We are conditioned to say "we provided," not "God provided." In fact, when we say "God provided," we get sideways glances and that little scoff that seems to imply we are naïve or simple. Our world continually stresses that we are people of our own making. While it is true that our decisions do have a large affect on the course of our lives, as people of faith, we have one immutable truth – God created.

This summer it seems much of the church takes a breather and vacations abound. However, our children and student ministries are in high season. We plan, decorate, execute, and enjoy the fruits of our labor. In doing so, it is easy to forget, "God created." Every single child and student that is participating in Trinity's summer offerings is someone God created. Every single adult who helps make it all happen is someone God created. But also, every person on the sidelines is also someone God created.

I would encourage us in the midst of the summer greenery that harkens back to Eden itself that we can strive to see each other as someone God created, along with the rest of creation. Kerry Kincannon, the founder of the mission church Rising Hope, used a phrase in his ministry that I will never forget, "God loves you, and I love you, and there's nothing you can do about that." When we see those around us, maybe especially those we disagree with, as "God created," it changes how we interact with them. The world needs to remember our collective origin. The world needs to reclaim God's role in creation. The world needs to remember that we are all "God created." Want to change the world? Let's start with our own circles of influence. It'll make a difference.

Yours in Christ,



New Communication System

We are excited to be rolling out a new communication system for Trinity that will make phone calls, texts, and emails for meetings and other notifications. This system, called One Call Now, will save significant staff time and make our ability to reach you even better. Most notifications will go out by phone/text and email at the same time. Emails will come from either alerts@trinityumc.net, or a staff member address. If you would prefer a text, you must opt in to receive by texting "alert" to 22300. If you do not opt in to texting you will receive an automated phone call from our main office number.

Thank you for your patience as we transition a few other systems to this consolidated messaging platform.



Trinity Welcomes a Summer Intern

Annabelle Glassman is assisting our church staff with accounting and office management tasks as a part-time assistant in the church office. The staff is thrilled to have Annabelle on board!

Annabelle Glassman is a rising sophomore at William & Mary majoring in government on the pre-law track. At school, she is involved with the school newspaper, *The Flat Hat*, as a copy editor, the International Relations Club as chief of staff for William & Mary's annual middle school Model United Nations Conference, and as webmaster for her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta. She and her family have been attending Trinity since 2006. Annabelle is grateful for this summer opportunity at Trinity and is excited to learn more about church functions.

The Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K

On **Saturday, September 16**, Trinity will host the Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K. We are staging this event with Douglas Freeman High School, Henrico Education Foundation, River Road Church Baptist, Third Church, St. Matthews, and St. Stephens. A Kids Fun Run will start at 8 AM followed by the 5K for runners and walkers.

The 5K has been developed to remind us of the importance of mental health, the value of teamwork, and to raise funds for a memorial scholarship established by the Teague and Curry families in honor of Lara Teague Curry. Mrs. Curry was an outstanding Social Studies teacher at Douglas Freeman High School.

Any questions, contact Bill Pike: bpike@trinityumc.net.



TREASURED MENTOR • COLLEAGUE
BELOVED TEACHER • WIFE • MOTHER
DAUGHTER • SISTER • FRIEND

at **Trinity United Methodist Church**
(903 Forest Ave, Henrico, VA 23229)
Kids Fun Run at 8AM
5K at 8:30AM

<https://henricogives.org/lara/>



Coming Soon!

Pastor Daniel will be doing a class this fall on Thursday nights from 6-7 PM. If you are interested in studying a certain subject or subjects with Daniel, please reach out to him at dguenther@trinityumc.net.

Upcoming Events



Wednesday, August 23
New Date and Show!
11:15 AM – 4:30 PM

Join us as we go to Hanover Tavern/Barksdale Theater for lunch and then to see the matinee performance of "Honky Tonk Laundry". Cost is \$45 for the show, lunch is paid on your own.

"Move over, Thelma and Louise! When Lana Mae Hopkins, owner and proprietress of the Wishy Washy Washateria, hires Katie to help out in the laundromat, they soon find themselves up to their elbows in soap, suds, and cheatin' hearts. Watch these two country angels join forces to turn their good ol' laundromat into a bootscootin' honky-tonk and exact a touch of revenge against those that done 'em wrong, all while guaranteeing every customer a good, clean time!" **Reservation deadline: Sunday, August 13**

Tuesday, September 12 – 2-3:30 PM in the Welcome Center, Getting to know our new Associate Minister, Daniel Guenther!

Wednesday, October 4, 8 AM – 5 PM

Day trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. !

We will travel by chartered bus, limited to 55 people. Cost of the bus and museum will be \$50. Lunch is on your own at the museum. Friends and family are welcome to join us!! A non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 is due at registration. You can pay the entire \$50 at registration too. Registration is open **now!**

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, August 15 at 3:30 PM in Room 323. Everyone is welcome!!



Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will be **Tuesday, August 22**. 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.

Parents Save The Date Sunday, September 17

Being a parent is tough work. From time to time, our children can have some challenging moments that make parenting difficult. If you need some advice, or a new strategy, then we hope you will consider joining us in Trinity Hall from 9:50-10:50 AM to hear from Kristin Long Francisco. Kristin is a licensed and certified counselor at the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care. To ensure that we efficiently use Kristin's time with us, parents with questions can submit them at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/TrinityUMC3/ParentingSeminarQuestion>.

Questions are due by 2 PM on Tuesday, September 5. Once we have your questions, we will submit them to Kristin. We hope you will join us in Trinity Hall on Sunday, September 17.

Moms (and Dads) and More Wednesday, October 4 9:30 – 11:30 AM in Room 323

We want to let you know we are working to be able to offer a "Moms and More"-like program this fall for mothers (and fathers) of young children. We know life can be crazy and stressful with newborns and little ones. "Moms (and Dads) and More" aims to offer caring support, fellowship, and resources to navigate through the ups and downs. If you are interested in helping to create this program, please contact Haley Hildebrand and/or Judy Oguich. We are excited to offer this ministry – refreshed for 2023!!

Meeting Dates: October 4, November 1, December 6, February 7, March 6, May 1

Lay Servant Academy

Register today for *Lay Servant Academy August Training Weekend!* The dates are **August 18 and 19--** Zoom Only. Our theme for August is *What is God Calling You To Do?* We believe all are called to build up the Kingdom of God and to Make Disciples of Christ, for the transformation of the world. Each class is designed so that you can take tangible ideas back to your church and so that you can make connections to others around the conference. If you have questions, contact Tianna Durbin (tiannad@arcolachurch.org).

Dear Trinity Friends,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your presence at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens on the 4th of July to hear me sing. Your unwavering support and the sight of your smiling faces brought me comfort and eased my nerves right on out of the way. The day was truly perfect, and the indescribable support I received from those in attendance made the day unforgettable.

From the depths of my heart, I thank you for being there, for your unwavering support, and for the indescribable encouragement you provided.

Below I have provided some of the pics from the day. Thank you again.

With sincere gratitude,
Tae Lilly



Fellowship Hour Sunday

Do you like donuts? Do you like spending time with other folks from church? Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center at 10:00 AM on Sunday September 3 for an hour of food and fellowship. Donuts, fruit, and drinks will be provided. Come and join in!



TRINITY Kids

What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

Kids Discipleship at 10am

August 6th: Family Camp at 10am (pre-K & elem)
August 13th: Family Camp at 10am (pre-K & elem)
August 20th: Back to School Family Event at 10am
August 27th: Sunday Sundae Event at 10am



Kindness Club: Using your gifts (August 6th)

Most clubs are exclusive. They require the right membership, right connections, and – in the case of clubs kids make up – the right password. But Kindness Club is a club like no other . . . anyone can join!

The only requirement for its members is a commitment to be kind to others using the gifts God has given to each of them. Kindness Club members will ask themselves three main questions:

What do I have? | Who do I love? | How can I serve?

By answering these questions, families will be given a chance to formulate a plan to serve people in their lives and community. But it doesn't end there! The members of the Kindness Club will then be able to go and carry out their plan!



August 13th: My Storybook (Sharing Your Story)

Kids may not see everyday life as stuff that stories are made of, but the incredible, exciting, relentless story that God is writing can be found in the little things happening every day. Through a variety of fun prompts and activities, kids will explore their personalities, experiences, and relationships. Kids will become authors of their own stories — from likes and dislikes, overcoming hard circumstances, to future dreams — and record their ideas and responses in creative ways.

When kids discover how God's story connects with theirs, they will get excited to share their special stories with others!



Join us on August 20th at 10am for this back to school family event that will help kids learn how to have the BEST YEAR EVER by **teaching them to seek God for wisdom** and submit their school year to Him. We will focus our activities on Ephesians 5:15-17 to help kids start this school year right, so it can be their best year ever.



I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Join us on August 27th at 10am for a **family event that presents the gospel message through Psalm 34:8, which invites us to "taste and see" God's goodness in our lives.**

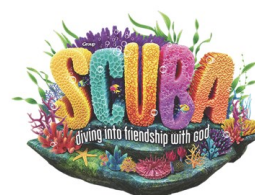
Through interactive activities and an **ice cream sundae object lesson**, kids will learn how they can taste and see the goodness of the Lord in their daily lives and how we need Jesus to take away our sins.

**** Watch for texts and emails with a link to sign up for the Best Year Ever and Sundae Sunday family events! ****

We had a BLAST at our STELLAR Kids Camp!! Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, talents, and resources to share the love of Jesus with kids in our church and community!!



Join us for Kids Camp 2024 from July 8th-12th!!



Student Ministry



SWAG 2023!
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>



**YOUTH LATE NIGHT FUN.
REGISTER ONLINE.
INVITE A FRIEND.**



In July, during the week of Kids Camp, Trinity Students had Youth Local Serve week. **27 Youth served during Kids Camp and 20 youth served throughout the week at various mission service sites.** Our youth served with Christ's love at CARITAS, RVA fridges, Shalom Farms, had a Car Wash for Belmont Food Pantry, served at Belmont Food Pantry and served at the PACE Center at VCU.

Thank you Trinity family for supporting our Youth Car Wash that far exceeded all of our expectations! **With the service of our youth and your support we raised \$800 for Belmont Community Resource Services** (who runs the Belmont Food Pantry we donate to weekly as a church).

Thank you to all the adults who helped serve the week of Youth Local Serve! We can't do this without you! Praise God! We had an incredible week!





United
Women
in Faith

Calling All Trinity Women!

Come see what the women of Trinity United Women in Faith are up to!



You're Invited!

Thursday August 31, 7pm

Welcome Center

News flash!

We will be starting two new Circles in September (time, day and place TBD)

- Circle 2 - nighttime circle
- Circle 3 - daytime circle
- If you are looking to join a small group and get to know some new folks,
- If you have a heart and hands for missions and mission studies,
- If you want to grow deeper in your faith,
- If you enjoy fellowship around the table and covered dish meals,

Come join us!

Save the dates:

Thursday September 14, 10am: 'From the Water's Edge': installation of officers and re-commitment service
Thursday October 12, 7pm: Mission Focus: Pathways
Thursday November 9, 10am: Harvest Day
Saturday December 2: District UWF Advent Service
Thursday December 14, 10am: Service Day

Watch for our survey coming out soon. Help us to steer our programs to determine missions of interest to you.

For more information, contact Trinity UWF President Jo Lewis
(jolewis49@yahoo.com)

Lenten Easter Mission Grants 2023

We thank the Trinity congregation for donating \$14,788.21 toward the Lenten Easter Mission Offering. Fourteen organizations applied for funding. Their requests totaled \$27,800.00. In the end, thirteen of those organizations were awarded grants as follows:

Urban Hope	500.00
Habitat For Humanity	500.00
Crossover Clinic	1,000.00
Camp Rainbow Connection	1,200.00
Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic	500.00
Belmont Food Pantry	500.00
New Shoes For Back To School	1,000.00
Sherbourne Food Pantry	1,000.00
Bellemeade Park	500.00
Leonard Seminary	1,000.00
Baltic Seminary	1,000.00
Friends of Barnabas	3,000.00
Westview on the James	3,088.21



New Shoes for Back to School

What is it? New Shoes for Back to School is a ministry providing new shoes to K-12 Title 1 schoolchildren in underserved communities in the metro Richmond area.

Who does it? Trinity participates along with 10 other churches and one synagogue.

What's needed? Each church is responsible for providing 50 pairs of shoes to three schools for a total of 150 shoes. This year all of Trinity's schools are elementary: Montrose, Bensley and Dumbarton.

Call to action:

- Please consider donating a pair of new shoes to this ministry. Sizes needed range from children's sizes 11 & 12; women's sizes up to 8; and men's sizes up to 9.
- Monetary donations can be made online via the Trinity website at www.trinityumc.net/give. Select "New Shoes-Back to School" in the dropdown menu.

When: Shoe collection is between now and Sunday, September 3.

Where: Look for the collection table in the Welcome Center.

Questions or want to help? Contact Beth Monroe at bethmonr@gmail.com or (804) 339-0664.

See a video about the ministry: bit.ly/TrinityNewShoes2022

Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic

It is the time of year for our annual campaign to help support the Mattaponi Eagle Healing Clinic. Last year the congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church contributed over \$3,000 to help purchase supplies that included both needed medical items, vaccinations, and personal hygiene items for the Mattaponi Eagle Healing Clinic.

These contributions helped sustain services to over 125 families of native Americas mostly from the Mattaponi and Upper Mattaponi tribes, but also including assistance for request from the Rappahannock, Pamunkey, and Chickahominy tribes in Eastern and Central Virginia. Diane Garrison who is the coordinator of Indian affairs was extremely thankful for our support particularly during these difficult times.

This year, Diane is again asking for monetary donations to help the staff and the volunteers needed to handle the logistics of storage and distribution of medical and other supplies. The Eagle Clinic has made an arrangement with a local Mechanicsville drug store program that provides medical supplies, including prescriptions, baby formula, and children's diapers on a more targeted and effective manner.

The Healing Eagle Clinic still has doctors and nurses administer patient care on an as needed basis. Your contributions will help support these efforts by providing the necessary medical supplies.

If you would like to make a monetary donation –make a check out to Trinity United Methodist Church and put in the memo line The Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic. You can also go to the Trinity web site and click on give, choose give as guest or give on line, choose Mattaponi Healing Eagle clinic under funds.

Thank you in advance for your continuing support,

Tom Askew



It's Apple Angel Tree Time for the 2023-24 School Year!

Apples for supplies for the Teachers of Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School are ready to be picked! We want all of Trinity to have the opportunity to participate in this project, so we have both **in-person apples, digital apples and an Amazon Wishlist.**

In-Person Apples

If you **worship in person** at Trinity or **are able to come to Trinity**, we invite you to choose an **in-person apple** from the display boards in the Welcome Center at the church.

Digital Apples/Amazon Wish List

If you are a member of our **virtual congregation** or **are unable to get to Trinity in person**, we hope you will select a **digital apple** or go to the **Amazon Wish list.**

Delivering the Supplies

If bringing the items to Trinity, please double bag them in paper bags with handles. Attach your apple or a list of items and grade level to the outside of the bag. **Deliver to the rear of Trinity Hall by Sunday, August 13.**

If having the items shipped, please have them delivered to Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave., Richmond, VA 23229 and marked "Oak Grove Supplies." **Items should be delivered by Friday, August 11.**

Financial Donations

If you would prefer to make a financial donation to the Apple Angel Tree, you can do this via check (memo "Oak Grove Apple Tree") or via ACS (choose "Back to School Supplies").

What is the Apple Angel Tree?

Trinity has partnered with Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School through the city-wide Micah Initiative for over 15 years. One of our most popular projects each year has been to provide much-needed school supplies. Over 50 Trinity families participate in this effort each year. During the Spring, we meet with the lead teachers for all grade levels at the school and come up with a list of items the teachers would like to receive for their classrooms. There are about 150 apples that can be "picked from our tree" for the upcoming school year.

If you have questions, contact Karen Adams at 804-382-6477 or at kmadams1711@icloud.com. Thanks for your support!

Pictures from Reception for Daniel and Kids' Camp Breakfast!



Thank You Notes

We are joined by Tim's family to say thank you to everyone for the extraordinary love and support that we have received over the last 18 months. The caring gestures include cards, emails, flowers, donations made in Tim's name, Feed My Sheep meal, Stitchers' gifts, and the innumerable prayers and hugs. It is a blessing to be a part of such a loving church family. Thanks to everyone.

With gratitude,
Wayne and Pam Bullis

Trinity Family,
Thank you for being there when we needed you the most. Your love and support surrounded us during Otey's hospitalizations and especially after his passing. We are so grateful for your prayers, presence, cards, meals, texts, calls, flowers, quilt from the Stitchers, caring words and hugs. We still struggle day to day missing Otey, but are comforted and encouraged by your kindness.

Love and Joy,
Leila Denton and Family

I want to thank the church staff for the beautiful service for my husband Bill Bare. It was especially special that we were able to livestream this for the friends that were unable to attend thanks to our associate pastor Daniel. I am very grateful for all the hard work that went into the lovely reception that followed the service, especially Dianne Moore, Karen Adams and Carol Wampler. Thanks to all who prepared the food. Our friends and family were welcomed warmly by our church family. I have felt the strength and comfort from all the prayers.

Alice Bare

A Special Thanks

During June and July, Trinity members Joe Andrews, Jim Crowder, Mike Eunice, David Priest, and Keith Reynolds have been involved in an assortment of projects in the building and on the grounds of the church. We appreciate their time and skills in helping to make improvements.

Joys and Concerns

New Member
Haley Hildebrand

Weddings

*Congratulations to the following couple who was recently married:
Kelsey Smith and James Westfall who were married on June 10*

Our sympathies to...

*Anne McWilliams whose sister Kittye Jo Crockett died July 14
Terri Royster whose cousin Suzi Horner died July 11
The family Tim Bullis who died July 5
The family of Bill Bare who died July 2
Janet Hill whose sister Faye Ford died June 30
Page Ritter whose husband Bill Ritter died June 18
The family of Carl Soyars who died May 27
Donald & Julianna Seely whose son Laine Seely died May 16*



August Tips

Opportunities to keep in mind for the end of summer:

Reap the harvest. **Shop for food locally at farmers markets** - reduce carbon emissions from shipping food long distances. Give thanks for those whose work feeds you and others. Eat more fruits and veggies - reduce the high cost to your body and the planet from other foods. Compost any food scraps.

With school starting, pass along clothing children have outgrown to another family. **Reuse clothing to save money and landfill space.**

August 20-24 is World Water Week, the focus of which is to create a water-wise world. Look around you. What opportunities do you have?

To God's prophet Jeremiah, it seemed nobody was listening as he warned of impending doom. In the face of climate change, we too may feel ineffectual. **Take heart from Jeremiah.** He trusted God and bought land as a sign of hope. Continue to do all you can and talk about your hopes for a greener future.

For more tips, go to United Methodist Creation Justice tips (umcreationjustice.org/tips).

**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, August 21 at 4 PM for events taking place in September.** 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.