

# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Corner



As I sit on the porch of Baranbas House in Honduras midway through the week, I have a few reflections I'd like to share.

For those who have been to what the world considers less developed nations, you'll understand. There is something about places such as this that pulls you in, if you let it. I don't know if it is the pace that things happen when they happen, or the strong reliance on community, or the gratitude for anything at all that is the strongest contrast, but life is different.

We take so much for granted, including water. So many problems here come from not having good access to something so basic. Us just throwing resources at it won't fix it either, as education and community buy in is absolutely necessary for success. In my heart, I know there has to be a sustainable solution.

In our world, we tend to always be striving for more. Every advertisement we see pushes us to buy the newest version of a thing. We never have enough, and are never really happy. Here in Honduras, happiness is not tied to possessions as much as happiness is found in community, family, and relationships. I urge you to look around, recognize and be grateful for what you have, and foster the relationships that really mean something.

Yours in Christ,

## Ash Wednesday

Wear the ancient sign of your faith all day: between **7:30-8:30 AM** on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, come by Trinity's front doors to receive ashes on your forehead, no need to even get out of your car!

Pastors Brian and Judy will be outside and out front on Trinity's front steps bestowing ashes, and blessings for anyone who stops by.

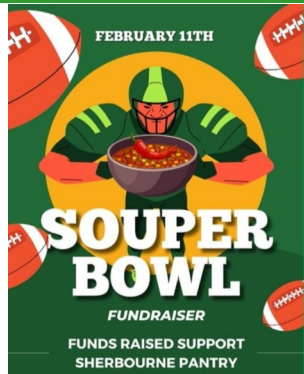
Start your Lenten journey this year with this fresh expression of faithfulness. See you bright and early!

The Chapel will be available all day for anyone who would like to say a prayer and receive ashes. We will then continue with a worship service in the sanctuary at **7:00 PM**, which will include the imposition of ashes. The 7:00 service will also be livestreamed.

### Ash Wednesday February 14

Drive-thru Ashes  
7:30 - 8:30 AM  
Ashes in the Chapel  
All Day  
Worship Service  
7:00 PM





## Souper Bowl Sunday February 11

Come get Chili!  
(first come first serve)  
in the Welcome Center  
after each Worship Service  
Donations also accepted!

Do you like good, stick to your ribs home cookin'? Do you like supporting a good cause? Trinity's Students and Kids invite you to stop by the Welcome Center following the 9:00 and 11:00 services on **Sunday, February 11**, and purchase a quart of chili, to raise funds for the Sherbourne Food Pantry! Each quart of chili is **\$10**, and we will be taking donations as well.

For this fundraiser, we are not collecting cans, unlike in years past. Sales will be first come first serve. Come get some good food for the big game and support a great cause!

We will need volunteers to help cook and pack chili on Saturday, February 3 and then volunteers to sell chili on Sunday, February 11. To sign up to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A48A8AD2AA6FC1-47115966-souper#/>



The season of Lent is upon us, and we extend an invitation to the Trinity congregation to attend the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and the Newlywed Game on **Tuesday, February 13**.

This event will be held in Trinity Hall. A pancake dinner will be served by the Outreach Class from 5:15-6:15 PM, \$5 per person, \$10 per couple, \$15 family maximum. The menu consists of pancakes, bacon, baked apples, and beverages.

Following the pancake dinner, please plan to stay for "The Newlywed Game"! (The next day is Valentine's Day after all!) Our emcee is the renowned entertainer Mr. Ken Hart! Three of our four couples have been secured:

John and Bev Taylor  
Bill and Anne Burch  
Thomas and Sarah Hall

Based on the game show that ran from 1966 – 2013, we will put our couples to the test of how well they know one another. Come and be a part of the fun!!

So that the Outreach cooks can properly prepare for the dinner, please signup following this link: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/TrinityUMC3/ShroveTuesday>



## Capital Campaign

Trinity Members,

We are in the home stretch of our Capital Campaign and have already raised over \$2.2M dollars and received nearly

half to help offset the cost of ordering materials. However, we are still short of our total goal of \$2.5M. We are asking you to prayerfully consider making either a first pledge, if you have not yet, or increasing your current pledge amount to help us bridge our current gap. I am confident that together we can reach our goal and improve our wonderful church for this and the next generation. The deadline is Friday, February 2nd so please act quickly.

Thank you.  
Capital Campaign Team



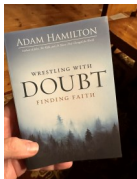
## Pastor's Bible Study

The Pastor's Bible Study began **January 10**, delving into the Gospel of Mark. It is a longer study that will take us to the summer break.

“Long ago, the church decided that Mark offers meaningful insights to those who want to follow Jesus. This Gospel presents a particular perspective on what God is doing in the world through Jesus of Nazareth and tells us how people ought to respond to what God is doing if they desire to be faithful. Mark presents these insights through its narrative. The writer tells a story.” *Mitzi Minor*

### Pastor Daniel's Study Thursdays at 6-7 PM

Come and join Daniel and other Trinity folks as we resume our weekly chats about scripture, theology, and the challenges of living the Christian life in a turbulent and complex world. We meet in room 323. All are welcome!



## Monday Bible Study

The Monday morning Bible Study will be studying Adam Hamilton's new book entitled "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith" on **Mondays** at 9:30 AM. This is a six-week study and will run from January 22 – March 4 (we will not meet on Monday, February 19 due to President's Day). If you are interested in joining us, reach out to Deanna McCullough [deanna6mccullough@gmail.com](mailto:deanna6mccullough@gmail.com) and pre-purchase the book in advance of the study. We hope to see you there!



## 3M Bible Study

The 3M Bible Study Group will study "The Third Day" by Tom Berlin, a six week Lenten study, beginning Wednesday, February 21. In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

The 3M Bible Study Group meets Wednesday nights, 6 – 7:30 PM both by Zoom and in person. Contact Judy Oguich for the Zoom link or for more information. Everyone is welcome to join us!



## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, February 20:** Sharing Our Hobbies!  
2 - 3:30 PM, Welcome Center

Bring your favorite hobbies to share! Refreshments will be provided.

**Tuesday, March 12:** "What You Can Do to be a Safer Citizen", with Lt. Austin White, Virginia State Police Criminal Division

2 – 3:30 PM, Welcome Center Refreshments will be provided.

**Tuesday, April 16:** Trip to the University of Richmond to tour the Canon Chapel, lunch at the U of R dining hall. 10:30 AM – 2 PM

**Tuesday, May 14:** Day trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Admission to the museum is free, lunch on your own at the museum. 9:30 AM—4:30 PM.



## Pub Theology

On **Tuesday, February 20**, we will meet at **Way Gone Brewery** located at 10610-12 Patterson Avenue, Henrico, Virginia 23238. Our start time will be 6 PM. Trinity will provide pizza, and we request that each person contribute \$5.00 to help offset the cost.

A Trinity staff member or a volunteer from the congregation will present a topic for discussion each month. Our projected dates are March 12, April 16, May 14, and June 18. We hope you will consider joining us. Questions? Contact Bill Pike: [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net).

## Need a Trinity Nametag and/or Lanyard?

As part of Trinity's mission to be a welcoming and friendly church, we encourage all members to wear your Trinity nametag. If you misplaced yours, changed your name or have a younger family member who now needs a nametag, please reach out to J. H. "Sandy" Peele. He can be reached by either:

Email: [ecufour@msn.com](mailto:ecufour@msn.com)  
Text/Call: 804-356-2328 (cell)

Once your nametag is ready, he will let you know. All nametags will be on a table near the front of the Welcome Center each Sunday morning. (Also, if Sandy already has your nametag ready, please remember to pick it up. Quite a few are ready, please check.

# TRINITY Kids

## What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

### Kids Discipleship at 10am

Kids Discipleship during the 10am hour occurs in these locations:

- Nursery: Birth – 3 year olds
- Room 208: Preschoolers (3-5 year olds)
- Room 302: Elementary schoolers



### This is what we are learning about in February:

Whether it's a rocket car powered by soda and mints or a tornado in a water bottle, there's so much in our world that can fill us with awe. The world of STEM is full of things that look like little miracles, but they're nothing compared to the miracles God can perform. In this four-week series, kids will take a look at some of the miracles that Jesus performed during his ministry. Through stories showing the power of Jesus, they'll no doubt go, Wow! Jesus has the power to heal, to calm our fears, to provide, and to save.

# TRANSIT

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Transit, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade ministry, meets Sunday evenings from 5-6:30pm. We are meeting on these dates this winter:  
February 4, 18, 25  
March 3, 10, 24

We meet in the Welcome Center and then head upstairs to room 302 for a pizza dinner followed by games and activities.

Transit helps 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders grow friendships with each other to help them transition to the student ministry when they enter middle school!

Register here for each week so I know how much pizza to order: <https://tinyurl.com/2j8wex9n>

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, 17 third graders received a bible! Jen met with parents and kids after the 9am service to get them digging into God's Word together!



# 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 19.**

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*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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# WESTVIEW

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Sunday-  
Friday

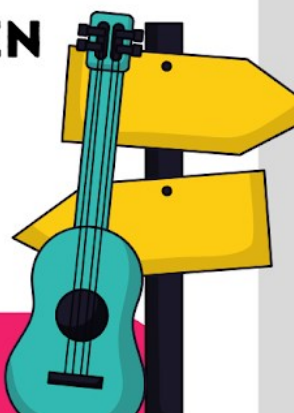
Starting  
June 16th

Through  
August 9th

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**Register at**  
[www.westviewonthejames.org](http://www.westviewonthejames.org)

More Information [info@westviewonthejames.org](mailto:info@westviewonthejames.org)





**From Trinity UWF President**

Dear Trinity Women,

Our January Pledge Service was very meaningful, thanks to Rev Daniel's message and music and communion. We are thankful for his leadership to all of us and the whole church.

After Pastor Brian's message on January 14, I am inspired to more forcefully extend the invitation to COME and SEE what we have planned for February. Janet Hill has planned a wonderful program from Doorways. Speaker and CEO, Stacey Brinkley will present "Radical hospitality with a heart in time of need". Doorways' mission is to provide lodging and support for patients and their loved ones who need to be close to VCU hospital but not far from the feeling of home.

Our attendance is down at our General meetings, and I would encourage you to save the date. We want to have a big crowd for our speakers. Many of you are out of the habit of coming--thanks to Covid. Let's start this year off well--save these dates and come on February 8 at 10 AM in Room 324. Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is coming up in March on the 14th. Put that date on your calendars as well.

Let's get more involved in this ministry. Come and see!

Live alive in 2024!

Blessings,

Jo

**Board Meeting**  
**Thursday February 8**  
**9 AM - Room 323**

**Thursday, February 8**

**Radical Hospitality with a Heart in Time of Need**  
**Stacey Brinkley, CEO, The Doorways**



Come and see! Learn all about the impact of this agency. Join us at 10 AM in room 324.

**January Circle Meetings**

Circle 1 will meet on February 20 at 9:30 AM in the Student Center to discuss *Wrestling with Faith* by Adam Hamilton.

Circle 4 will meet on February 1 at 11 AM in room 323 to plan our UMFS project.

Circle 6 will meet at 10 on February 6 in the Student Center to complete our study of Ruth and send Valentines to widows and widowers.

Circle 7 – will have dinner at The Grapevine Restaurant at 6:30 PM on February 15. We will enjoy a great dinner together, and plan out what we want to do during our next meetings.

Circle 10 will meet at the home of Gerryann Priest, February 1 at 7 PM. Beth Monroe from Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, will give a presentation on Plants in the Bible.

**Save the Date**  
**Thursday, March 14**  
**Call to Prayer & Self-Denial**

Climate Justice & Food Equity

## Serve & Mission Opportunities!

### Ham Cemetery Winter Work Days

Volunteers are needed at Ham Cemetery on February 10 (10 AM-4 PM) and 11 (12 noon-4 PM) This historic African American Cemetery is located at 7001 Chandler Drive in Henrico County. The cemetery is sandwiched between Bandy Field, the University of Richmond, and a Henrico neighborhood. On these work days, volunteers will continue to work on erosion stabilization to reclaim the lower end of a hillside. To sign up follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094FACA828A46-47149967-winter> .

If you have additional questions, contact Brooke Davis: [bmdavis1@verizon.net](mailto:bmdavis1@verizon.net).



### Richmond Habitat For Humanity Unity Build

In March 2024, Trinity will be one of the churches supporting the Unity Build, a new house project initiated by Richmond Habitat For Humanity. The tentative start date for the build is March 20 with work continuing through June 29.

Location of the build is 3200 Scottsdale Street in South Richmond. The home will be built for the Jabouli family and their four children.

Construction volunteers will be needed on Thursdays through Saturdays each week. More information about how to sign up as a volunteer will be provided closer to the start date. For questions, contact Bill Pike: [bpiketrinityumc.net](mailto:bpiketrinityumc.net).

### Rise Against Hunger

Please hold on your calendar Sunday, March 10 for a Rise Against Hunger meal packaging project in Trinity Hall. We will stage two meal packaging sessions 11 AM and 12:15 PM. For these sessions and to reach our goal of packaging 10,152 meals we will need 100 volunteers. We will also need volunteers to unload the truck and then reload the truck after the meal packing is done. More information about how to sign up as a volunteer will be provided closer to the meal packing date. For additional information, please contact Bill Pike: [bpiketrinityumc.net](mailto:bpiketrinityumc.net).



### Upward

Be in prayer for all of our volunteers that keep Upward running smoothly, the coaches, the referees and the players!





## Lay Servant Academy

Lay Servant Academy Training will take place **February 23 and 24**. This training will be virtual only. Registration has begun! Included in the course list are:

- **Virginia UMC Roots, Racism, and Discipleship Advanced Course**
- **Basic Course**
- **Children and Youth Discipleship–Ministry with Parents/Guardians**
- **Spiritual Gifts**
- **Called to Preach**

Contact Tianna Durbin at [tiannad@arcolachurch.org](mailto:tiannad@arcolachurch.org)  
Director of Lay Servant Academy with questions!



### Bishop's Visit to District

As part of her onboarding to the VAUMC, Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson will be visiting the Three Notch'd District in February. There will be several opportunities for folks to meet Bishop Sue during her two-day visit February 25-26.

On Sunday, February 25, 9:30 AM, Bishop Sue will be preaching at New Song UMC, 7450 Colts Neck Road, Mechanicsville.

Also on Sunday, February 25, 3:00-4:30 PM, all Laity are invited to a Dessert Reception at Zion UMC, 1674 Zion Road, Troy. This is an opportunity for laity to drop by and meet and speak with Bishop Sue. Cookies, coffee and lemonade will be served. Registration is not required but strongly encouraged. To register, go to: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/ThreeNotchdDistrict/ClergyLunchWithBishopRegistration>. The deadline to register is February 22. Should you have any questions or need assistance registering for one of the events, call the District Office, 804-521-1124.

## 2023 Pinnacle Living Samaritan Award

Trinity UMC (Richmond), Reveille UMC, and Gum Spring UMC received the Samaritan Award for being three of the Virginia Annual Conference United Methodist churches with the highest level of giving to the Samaritan Program (June 2022 - May 2023). The Samaritan Program has been an integral part of the Pinnacle Living mission and ministry since 1948. This program provides financial support to residents of Pinnacle Living communities who have been blessed by longevity and, through no fault of their own, become unable to meet the full cost of services. Trinity UMC, Reveille UMC, and Gum Spring UMC are truly "Good Samaritan" churches when it comes to supporting the benevolent care mission of Pinnacle Living. They are among the top ten Virginia Conference congregations in giving to the Samaritan Program during the 2023 fiscal year.

## A Better World by Helping Our Planet

**Earth Day 2024** is on April 22. The theme, **Planet vs. Plastics**, calls us to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics and demand an end to fast fashion.

Reducing plastic waste is critical:

- Each year in the USA only 5% of plastic waste is recycled, leaving an estimated 51 million tons of plastic waste.
- Each day 500 million plastic straws are used and almost all are thrown away.
- Each minute globally one million plastic bags are used and only 1% are recycled.

By the year 2050 scientists predict that pound for pound there will be more plastic waste in oceans than fish.

For many people single use plastic bottles are a main source of water. Yet making plastic bottles requires six times as much water as a bottle itself contains. 100 billion plastic beverage containers were sold last year in the USA.

Start helping the environment by eliminating single use plastic bottles and straws in your home. Use reusable drink containers and refuse plastic straws.

EARTHDAY.ORG is the world's largest recruiter to the environmental movement, working in 192 countries. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

Find out how the United Methodist Church is working to help the environment by searching <https://vaumc.org/energyjustice/> for more information.

## Trinity's Dillard Forum

The Dillard Forum is an annual lecture program, free and open to the public, that was established in 2003 to honor the Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Dillard and his wife Marion. Having now hosted twenty Dillard Forums, Trinity is re-evaluating the form of presentation and creating a plan to guide future Forums that will continue to challenge us, inform us, and help build our faith. **We want your input** regarding potential speakers, issues, and format. Dillard Forum Committee members hope to visit your Sunday School class or small group for discussion of this opportunity some time in February. You can also contact Carol Wampler ([carolwampler@msn.com](mailto:carolwampler@msn.com) or cell/text 804-402-8289). An online survey will be available on Trinity's website in the near future.

Your Dillard Forum Committee:

Carol Wampler (Chairman), Brian Siegle, Anne Burch, Dianne Moore, Judy Oguich, Bill Pike, Linda Robinson

## Martha Schrenk's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Please accept my deepest thanks and appreciation to Pastor Siegle, church staff, volunteers, The Stitchers, and so many congregational members of Trinity United Methodist Church who remembered my Mom, Mrs. Martha Schrenk on her 99th birthday last December 12. The many cards, personal notes and colorful handmade gifts from the Trinity Stitchers brought Mom much happiness. I am truly grateful for your continuing connection and compassion for Mom. You are a faithful group of friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, who have provided joy in her life. Her family is very, very thankful for all.

Mother's 99th birthday was a day to remember! She wore a new outfit and floral corsage, enjoyed over 60 birthday cards, opened many presents, was surprised with a lovely floral arrangement of red roses, had lunch at the nicest dining room on campus with delicious Happy Birthday cupcakes, spoke on zoom with her two grandsons in Oklahoma and Georgia, and shared more Happy Birthday cupcakes with 9 M&Ms (because 99 seemed like too many) with all her dining room friends at the evening dinner meal. Many happy moments were created and remain strong along with her basketful of cards and a balloon that keeps on flying.

Special thank you to the Trinity Stitchers for their Advent gift of a Christmas Stocking filled with one of a kind items. Mom was truly excited with the treasures it held. We zoom twice a week and show items to each other on screen. Your gifts made her so very happy she could hardly wait to show them all to me. She keeps the items on her table to enjoy and view daily. Thank you so much! Please know what you do, sharing your God given gifts and talents with others is important, meaningful and a continual messenger of love in the home of the recipient. May you continue your ministry in 2024!



The blessing of a long life is truly a gift when filled with loving friends such as you. Thank you for connecting with Mom and keeping a smile on her face and joy in her heart. Happy 2024 to all!

*Cathy Ford*, daughter of Mrs. Martha Schrenk



## 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.

## Joys and Concerns

### Weddings

*Congratulations to the following couple who was recently married:*

*Rebecca Worley and Matthew Berti who were married on January 12*

### Our sympathies to...

*Reyna Skrabala whose husband Michael Skrabala died January 22*

*Dale Miller and Catherine Smith whose mother/grandmother Betty Marshall died January 12*  
*Pam Overstreet whose mother died December 28*  
*The family of Ann Sangston who died December 19*  
*Holly Cantua whose aunt Cathy Frick died December 14*

## Thank You Notes



Spreading Christmas Cheer!  
Many thanks to The Stitchers for creating beautiful stockings and then filling them for our homebound members for Christmas. Great appreciation also to Dave Clelland who delivered many of them. Thank you, thank you! Some of our homebound have told us how nice it was to be remembered and thought of by the church.

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, February 19 at 4 PM for events taking place in March.** 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](mailto:ktingler@trinityumc.net).