

# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Corner



By now you've probably heard the term Lent around Trinity. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter through spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting, devotion, and service. The 40 days of Lent (plus Sundays) come before Easter, starting on Ash Wednesday. The 40 days are reminiscent of the 40 days of rain during the flood, the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness by God's people during the Exodus and Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

As a moveable feast, the **date of Easter** is determined in each year through a calculation known as *computus* (Latin for 'computation'). Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after 21 March (a fixed approximation of the March equinox).

One of the disciplines I'd like to commend to you during this time is stewardship. I know historically this has been about money. But it is so much more. Stewardship is a spiritual discipline that allows us to recognize God's work in our lives and return a portion of that to God's work on the world, as manifested in the church - this church specifically.

I hope you'll join me in the many disciplines of Lent, including Stewardship, as we head toward our joyous Easter celebration together.

Trinity is a great place to explore our faith together. Invite others to explore with us. Now is the time, because we are better together.

Yours in Christ,

# EASTER

## Sunday, March 31

<b>6:45 AM</b>	<b>Sunrise</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Modern Service</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Traditional Service</b>

## Holy Week and Easter at Trinity

### Holy Week:

**Sunday, March 24:** Palm Sunday

**Friday, March 29:** 7:00 PM Good Friday

### Easter Sunday, March 31:

6:45 AM: Sunrise Service (Outside)

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!*

*Dianne Moore will be around throughout the morning to take photos at the cross.*

### Easter Treat Bags For Sherbourne, Welborne & Belmont Food Pantries



### Easter Treats for Food Pantries

Trinity will be working with Sherbourne, Welborne, and Belmont Food Pantries to do Easter treat

bags for the children. The plans are to do 100 bags for each Food Pantry. We have created a Wish List on Amazon for treats we would like to have for the bags, things ordered on the wish list can be shipped directly to Trinity. The link to that list is below. If that is not how you want to get your donation, then you can supplement by bringing in bags of individually wrapped Easter candies. We will be collecting candy in Trinity Hall. All candy needs to be delivered to Trinity by **Friday, March 8.**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/205QIV0RNXXHU?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/205QIV0RNXXHU?ref=wl_share)



### Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29  
7 PM

### Good Friday

Our Holy Week service this year will be a combined service on **Friday, March 29**, at 7 PM. It will combine the traditional

Maunder Thursday Communion service with a traditional Tenebrae service. Come, experience the Passion of Christ through liturgy, prayer, hymns, and candles. Don't miss this important part of our Lent and Easter worship experiences.

### Lenten Easter Mission Offering

For many years, the Trinity congregation has supported the Lenten Easter Mission Offering (LEMO). Congregational donations to LEMO are used to help nonprofits in the Richmond area, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the United States, and the world.

In 2023, fourteen organizations applied for grants. Those grants totaled \$27,800 in funding requests. From the congregation, we received \$14,788.21 to distribute to the thirteen nonprofits who were awarded a grant based upon their application.

During this Lenten season, we hope you will prayerfully consider donating to LEMO. Your financial support will help to make a significant difference in a person's life.

**FREE ENTRY**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**  
3 - 5PM  
RAIN DATE: APRIL 21

**JOIN US FOR**  
**SPRING FEST**

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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**SAVE the DATE!**  
**More information coming soon!**



## Judges

Violence, Faith, and  
The Making of Israel

Thursdays 6-7:30, Rm. 323

## Introducing *Judges: Violence, Faith, and the Making of Israel*

Join Pastor Daniel and lots of other Trinity people for a look at one of the least well known and most important books of the Bible. We will reflect together on the nature of identity, authority, humanity, and faith, as we learn about the stories of Deborah, Gideon, Samson, and many others. We are also planning to have a session with Dr. Jacob Wright of Candler School of Theology at Emory University, who will be joining us via ZOOM! Our class meets from 6-7 PM, but often spills over to 7:30 PM because the conversations are just that good! Come and join us!

Please note that Judges has some particularly graphic and difficult moments. Discretion is encouraged. For any questions about this or any other matters relating to this study, contact Daniel at [dguenther@trinityumc.net](mailto:dguenther@trinityumc.net).



## Upcoming Events

**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.

We hope you will plan to join us for these programs and day trips!

Also look for a concert by **The Virginians** on **Sunday, July 14** and a trip to **Michie Tavern and Carter's Mountain** on **Tuesday, October 8**.

Contact Dan Nichols or Judy Oguich for more information.

## 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



## Pub Theology

On **Tuesday, March 12**, 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 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).

## Cedarfield Celebration

Join us on **Tuesday, March 19, 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 19, contact Carol Wampler [carolwampler@msn.com](mailto:carolwampler@msn.com) ) or John Taylor [jaydeetay@verizon.net](mailto:jaydeetay@verizon.net).



## Additional Pickleball Opportunity!

As you may know, we've been getting together in Trinity Hall for a couple hours on Tuesday evenings starting at 6 PM for pickleball. There are quite a few regulars, and frequent newcomers and guests. We have two courts we set up in Trinity Hall. Trinity is a great place to come learn the game, and we have all equipment needed to play. Playing together is yet another place for fellowship, with the added benefit of a bit of fitness thrown in for good measure. The interest has grown, and beginning on **March 13**, we are adding a weekly Wednesday morning time as well, starting at **10 AM**. Come join us!



# 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 March:

In the dark, a world of neon colors comes to life. Whether it's the soft green of glow-in-the-dark stars or the bright colors of bioluminescent creatures, light can break through the darkness. When the world needed some light, God sent Jesus because he glows in the dark, and he can teach us how to shine with God's light, too! In this five-week series through the Gospels, we'll follow Jesus' life leading up to Easter to see some of the ways he can shine bright in our lives. As we explore, we'll see Jesus is the light in the darkness. We'll also learn how we can choose Jesus and know God hears our cries while celebrating how Jesus died and rose again!

# 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: March 3, 10, 24

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



Trinity Kids Families: Join us for our Family Easter Event on Sunday, March 17 at 10am! Families will participate in five stations that will walk them through the key events of Holy Week. Next, families will participate in creative and reflective stations as a response to the events of that week. Lastly, families will receive a Faith-at-Home Kit to complete during Holy Week. The nursery and preschool class will be open for younger kids during this event.

Register here if you are able to attend:

<http://tinyurl.com/ab66x3zy>



Kids Camp returns to Trinity on July 8-12 from 9am – 12:30pm! Kids Camp is for rising kindergarteners through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders! Cost is \$25/camper before April 15; \$30/camper after April 15.

Kids will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God! Kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!!

Register as a volunteer or camper here:

<http://tinyurl.com/yc762u2t>

**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!  
BE A  
MENTOR!**

**A WEEK-LONG OVERNIGHT  
SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS  
(AGES 7-12) OF  
INCARCERATED MOTHERS  
OR FATHERS**



**Mentors, 17 yrs and up, come spend a week at camp! You do not lead activities but provide supervision, companionship & compassion to the campers & assure them that God loves & cares about them in the midst of their struggles. Training begins promptly at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Clean-up is finished by 1:30 p.m. on Friday.**



**Week 1  
JUNE 9-14  
WESTVIEW ON  
THE JAMES**

**Week 2  
JUNE 16-21  
CHANCO ON THE  
JAMES**

**Week 3  
AUG 11-16  
CHANCO ON THE  
JAMES**

**What does a typical day look like?**

Breakfast, morning activities, lunch, rest time, camp activities (ropes course, rock wall, zip lines, boating, archery, fishing, swimming, paddle boarding, biking, hiking, kayaking and much more!), dinner, big games, snack, devotions and bedtime.

**How can I sign up?**

Go to the website, download the camper application form and return it no later than May 1



**For more info contact  
Lori Smith, Coordinator**

571-245-9591 agcc@vaumc.org  
www.vaumc.org/agcc

# 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Avenue, Richmond, VA 23229

## Trustees Update

### Update on Our Building Renovation Project

We have executed a contract with Century Construction for a \$2 million renovation of the Children's Education Wing/Trinity Preschool. The renovation also includes the second floor from the Balcony to the Preschool wing, and the following areas on the main floor directly below: the Conference Room, Modern Worship Leader's Office, and the Nursery.

Improvements will impact close to thirty classrooms and all hallways with an emphasis on the following: a new HVAC system for this wing, upgrades to all restrooms used by the Preschool, the construction of a new ADA restroom on the basement level, new lighting, floor surfaces, painting, windows, and enhancements to fire and security systems.

The details for proposals related to upgrades for our fire, security, and WIFI are under review. We hope to be signing these contracts soon. The staff has toured the space to address any final questions and identify the furniture and fixtures to be stored, recycled, or discarded.

Our contractor has committed to completing the project by the middle of August, but only if we turn the parts of the building being renovated over to them on the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Prior to this start date, storage units and a dumpster will be positioned in the parking lot closest to the Preschool. This will allow us to begin packing, moving, and filling the storage units.

In working with the Trinity staff and Century Construction, the Trustees have identified multiple pre-construction chores that will need congregational support. Volunteers will be needed to remove a variety of wall mounted items, obsolete storage cabinets, and outdated fixtures. Volunteers will be needed for packing boxes and moving items to storage units. This work will take place during April and May, and volunteers will need to be prepared to work around any activities taking place in the building. As soon as we firm up the schedule and tasks we will be asking for volunteers.

We are excited about this project, and yet we know patience, flexibility, and teamwork are going to be needed from start to finish.

Thanks in advance for your help, support, and patience.

Jim Crowder, Trustees Chairman

### Eaton Hall Refresh

For several months, a team of dedicated congregational members have been working to improve the appearance of Eaton Hall. Some minor repairs were made, all walls, doors, and window frames were primed and repainted, weary heating element covers were removed and replaced, new cove base molding installed, water fountain restored, the main exterior entrance door was repaired and repainted, and improvements were made to old brass work.

We appreciate the patience and expertise of Joe Andrews, Jim Crowder, the late Mike Eunice, Dan Nichols, and David Priest.



## Serve & Mission Opportunities!



### Rise Against Hunger

Be sure to join us on **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 and then reload the truck after the meal packing is done. Sign up: <https://www.trinityumc.net/rise-against-hunger/> For additional information, contact Bill Pike: [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.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: [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net).

### Help Needed

Trinity's Ivy Whackers Society will "swing" into action **Thursday, March 21**. We will meet at 9:50 AM behind Trinity Hall off the Stuart Hall road parking lot entrance. This will be our second major event. Everyone is welcome as we will attack the ivy which has overtaken many trees and areas on the church's grounds. Bring work gloves, loping shears, foldable saws or cutting tools, small crowbars, rakes and tarps-suitable for pulling debris, if you have them. Weather appropriate work clothing... long sleeves a must!

Lunch will be provided around 12 noon. Contact the church office to sign up and let us know if you will be staying for lunch as we need a head count. The rain date will be Friday, March 22. For more information contact Bruce Leaman at [ricturfman@aol.com](mailto:ricturfman@aol.com) or 804-405-5296 or Bill Pike at [bpike@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpike@trinityumc.net)



### 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 online. Applications must be received at the church office by noon on **Friday, April 5**.

To apply online go to [trinityumc.net/scholarships](https://www.trinityumc.net/scholarships). You can also find the forms in the Welcome Center. Applications and attachments can be sent via email to: Paula Cadden at [pcadden@trinityumc.net](mailto:pcadden@trinityumc.net). They can also be sent via USPS to: Trinity UMC, Attn: Paula, 903 Forest Avenue, Richmond, VA 23229.

### Confirmation



Trinity's annual confirmation process is starting soon! Any parents of 7th-12th graders who have not been confirmed yet and want to participate should email Daniel at [dguenther@trinityumc.net](mailto:dguenther@trinityumc.net) by **no later March 17**. We will have a confirmation orientation meeting from 12:30-1:30 PM in the Students Center that day. Lunch will be provided.

Please commit to praying for our confirmands, their families, and their mentors this Spring!

### Students Summer Mission Trip

Trinity Students will be traveling to Hinton, NC, this Summer **from Sunday June 23 to Friday June 28** to work on a mission project. We will plan to depart from Trinity on the morning of June 23, and work from Monday morning to Thursday afternoon. The rest of Thursday will be time for fun and relaxation together. Students will return to Trinity on the evening of June 28. Details regarding payment and sign-ups will be shared soon, so please stay tuned for updates via the Student News emails.





United  
Women  
in Faith

### From Trinity UWF President

Dear Trinity Women,

I hope everyone felt the Love on Valentine's Day. Let's keep that going. God is love!

Many thanks to Stacy and Allysa from Doorways for their excellent program. We will be looking for a way to plug into their needs on April Service Day.

Everyone is invited to come and join in the hands-on mission projects on April 11 and enjoy fellowship around the tables. We will take up collections for our friends at the Hermitage, Crump Manor and CrossOver Healthcare. Lists will be available at our March meeting. Our health kits will be due on April 11 and we will box them up to send to Annual Conference.

See you there!

Easter blessings,

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### March Circle Meetings

Circle 1 will meet on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the Student Center to assemble health kits for UMCOR.

Circle 4 will meet on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 in the Student Center to work on our UMFS project plans.

Circle 6 will meet on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 in the Student Center. Janet Hill will present the program "Hospitality For Me, To Me, and By Me".

Circle 7 – on March 21<sup>st</sup>, we plan to assemble 5 breakfast bowls for UMFS's foster families. We also will be filling plastic Easter eggs with candy. These will be used during OakGrove-Bellemeade Elementary School's Spring Fling event on March 28th.

Circle 10 will meet March 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the home of Jan Booker. Ann Vaughan from the Caring Closet at UMFS will be the guest speaker.

**You're Invited!**

**Thursday, March 14 - 10 am in the Chapel**

Join the Trinity United Women of Faith for our annual Call To Prayer and Self Denial Service:  
"Climate and Food in a Just World"



Lifting Up Our Voices for Climate Justice

Special Guest Speaker:

Erin Lingo, Interim Executive Director



Learn about issues affecting local and global food supply, and how we can help. Our offering will support the ongoing climate and food justice work of the United Women of Faith National Office.

**Save the Date!**

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






## The Newlywed Game was a Hit!

Many thanks to everyone who helped make Shrove Tuesday Dinner and The Newlywed Game a success! First, a meal of delicious pancakes, bacon and apples was provided by the Outreach Sunday School Class. We served over 70 people, and a total of \$400 was raised. That will be split between the Outreach Class Community Fund and to the Lenten Easter Mission Offering. Then we were entertained by Ken Hart, emcee and our stellar couples for a take on “The Newlywed Game”.

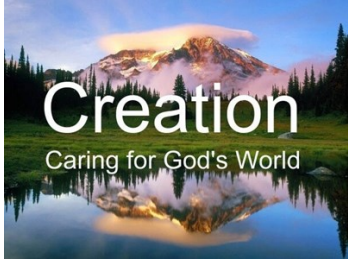
Our couples were Anne and Bill Burch, Don and Mary Ann Boyd, Catherine and John-Scott Smith and Thomas and Sarah Hall. The Smiths and the Halls tied for the top score!

Thanks also to Peggy Hart and Sheila Norfleet who helped with table decorations, signs for the game, decorations for the stage and nametags for our contestants!

## 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.



## Turn Off That Hot Motor


It’s a beautiful, clear Spring day. Although the air may have a chilly nip to it, the sun is bright and strong. A car sitting in an open parking lot would get quite warm.

If you were waiting in your car for someone, say your student for that hour plus while they are at sport practice, do you start up the motor to run the air conditioner, putting more heat and noxious fumes into the atmosphere? Or do you save money (gas does cost \$\$) and help save the planet by turning off that hot motor and roll down a window?

## Joys and Concerns

*Our sympathies to...*

*Rob Spotts whose mother Alice Spotts died February 19*  
*Juanita Woodson whose father Linwood Woodson died February 16*  
*The family of Dr. Stanley Elmore who died February 6*  
*Carolyn Wake whose sister Phyllis Summerfield died January 22*



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, March 18 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](mailto:ktingler@trinityumc.net).