



The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Pen



"Suddenly the whole crowd caught sight of Jesus. They ran to greet him, overcome with excitement."
Mark 9:15

Excitement. We are drawn to it. We are energized by it. We can be exhausted by it. So, it is at Trinity right now. This summer, we have had an amazing Kids Camp and Local Serve. We have torn apart a significant portion of our building in a much-needed renovation project. We have hired an assistant student director and are in the process of hiring staff for music leadership. We are heading toward a kick-off Sunday in a few weeks, on August 25. We have so much to be excited about!

In that excitement, let us not lose sight of what's truly important. In Mark, in the midst of an argument between disciples and legal experts, Jesus, Peter, James, and John approach and are immediately surrounded by the crowd who were excited by Jesus' arrival. We are great at debating and hashing out plans. Are we as great about being excited about Jesus?

In all things, if we keep our focus on Jesus, it will direct us and generate excitement. Jesus is the reason we do what we do. Jesus is the reason we are who we are. I believe Trinity reflects Jesus well, and we're getting better.

Be excited about who we are and what we are doing. But, be even more excited that we get to reflect Jesus to the world.

Yours in Christ,

Kickoff Sunday August 25

On Sunday, August 25, Trinity will kickoff the new church year. That morning, we will have worship services at nine and eleven, and our discipleship hour at ten. Programs for children and youth will also be meeting. Once we complete our morning of worship, the entire congregation is invited to Westview on the James for lunch and an afternoon of fun. Lunch will start in the dining hall at 1:15 PM. We ask that you bring your signature desserts to share.

After lunch, with guidance from Westview staff, multiple activities will be available for all age groups including: climbing wall, water recreation, archery, trail hikes, assorted indoor and outdoor games. For those interested, tours of the Westview grounds and facilities will be provided.

We need your assistance in signing up for this event. This helps Westview staff in planning for our meal and securing staff to monitor recreational activities. Do not delay! Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/ya6mje3x> through August 11.

To help offset the cost of this event, a love offering will be collected in the dining hall. Any questions, contact Judy Oguich, Bill Pike, or Jen Williams.





Pub Theology: A Special Guest

On **Tuesday, August 13**, Pub Theology will be held at the WayGone Brewery on Patterson Avenue. Our gathering starts with food and fellowship at 6 p.m. The church provides pizza, and we ask attendees to offer a \$5.00 donation to help offset cost. Each person is responsible for their own beverage purchase. On **August 13**, a very special guest will join us. You do not want to miss Pub Theology that evening.

Interested in a New Study or a Small Group?



Details coming
Soon!

Coming in September

We will have new studies by Pastor Brian on September 11, Pastor Daniel on September 12, Pastor Judy on September 25 and Deanna McCullough on September 16. Stay tuned for more information!

Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K



Saturday, September 14 will be here before you know it. We hope that you, your family, friends, and neighbors will sign up for the second running of the Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K. The Kids Fun Run begins at 8 AM followed by the 5K at 8:30.

This neighborhood and community event is offered in support of a scholarship in honor of Lara Teague Curry, who was an outstanding Social Studies teacher at Douglas Freeman High School.

Additionally, a mental health component is a part of the 5K to remind all of us how fragile we can be in our lives. We are appreciative of the Curry and Teague families, Third Church, Trinity UMC, St. Stephen's Episcopal, Douglas Freeman High School, and the Henrico Education Foundation for the coordination of the 5K.

To sign up as a runner or a walker please register at <https://henricogives.org/lara/>. Additional information about volunteering is forthcoming. Thanks for your time and consideration. For questions, contact Bill Pike

Better Together Coffee Hour September 15, 10-11 AM

Guests and visitors of Trinity: come join us for an hour of coffee and conversation. We will gather in our parlor (next to the Chapel and Sanctuary) to chat and learn a little bit about each other. Representatives from Trinity's various ministries will be present to help you and your family learn more about life in our church family. Sign up now at <https://tinyurl.com/2p83tdwy>

Better Together Coffee Hour

September 15, 10:00-11:00 AM
In the Parlor

All Guests and Visitors Welcome!





Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 13 Our own Bill Pike will present “Sunshine in Our Lives: Stevie Wonder”. We will be in Trinity Hall, 2 – 3:30 PM, Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, September 15 Sunday lunch at Tanglewood Ordinary, 12:45 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious lunch served family style – good food and good fellowship. Feel free to meet us there – or carpool from church.

Tuesday, October 8 Join us for a day trip to Michie Tavern in Charlottesville for lunch, followed by a stop at Carter’s Mountain for all things apple: apple cider, apple cider donuts, and fresh apples off the tree! Cost of lunch and transportation: \$35.00; reservations will be required ahead of time. We will leave Trinity at 10:45 AM and return at 4 PM.

Sunday, November 17 Program by Joann Faulkner on the history of Native Americans in Virginia. We will be in Trinity Hall, 2 – 3:30 PM.

Wednesday, December 11 Join us as we travel to Riverside Theater to see “Christmas Spectacular”. Lunch and Matinee performance included. We will leave at 10 AM and return by 5 PM.

We hope you will plan to join us for these programs and day trips! Contact Dan Nichols or Judy Oguich for more information.

****Thanks to everyone who came out on July 14 to enjoy the Virginians Barbershop Chorus’ presentation of “Fun in the Sun”. Our audience—100 people strong—were entertained with a wonderful program and refreshments.**



Dillard Forum Day of Learning Sunday, September 29 Keynote speaker: Kim Bobo, Director Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

Kim Bobo is a nationally known promoter of social justice who leads VICPP’s nonpartisan advocacy, outreach and development work. She literally wrote the book on faith-based organizing. Plan to come for worship, learning, fellowship and exciting dialog with Kim and her staff!

- Hear Kim Bobo’s faith journey at the worship service
- Learn how we can be more effective in our mission service to those in need
- Participate in a break-out session led by Kim and her staff – choose from one of four topics:
 - ◇ Advocacy
 - ◇ Health Equity
 - ◇ Affordable Housing
 - ◇ Criminal Justice Reform

Free lunch and childcare will be provided. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/76sfdsfx>

3M to Begin Wednesday, September 25

Our Wednesday night study group, 3M (named for Mary, Martha and Mark), will begin its thirteenth year in September. We meet Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 PM and we study the Bible with books by different theologians and authors.

We will begin on Wednesday, September 25, both in person and via Zoom. Persons can contact Judy Oguich should you wish to join 3M this fall.

TRINITY Kids

What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

Kids Discipleship during the 10am hour occurs in these locations and resumes on August 25th:

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



Our Back-to-School Family Event is Sunday, August 18th

Worship at 9am and then attend this event as a family at 10am in Trinity Hall! Celebrate going back-to-school with this emotions-focused family event all about those first-day feelings! Kids will learn that God made us with emotions, that He wants us to talk to Him about our emotions, and that no matter what we are feeling, we can ask for God's peace to help us keep our emotions in control.

Register here if you can attend: <https://tinyurl.com/4xwmf9jf>



Kids Worship (after the Kids Moment at both the 9am and 11am worship services) is in need of volunteers for the fall!

Please sign up if you can help!

<https://tinyurl.com/3shj4bx4>

TRANSIT

4th–5th Grade

Transit is our 4th and 5th grade program at Trinity! It is open to all 4th and 5th graders at Trinity and in our community! We meet 3x each month from September – November and January – March at Trinity from 5-7pm on Sunday evenings in room 302. Our program includes dinner and activities/games!

We have a Transit Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 10am in room 300. Jen will share more about the vision behind Transit and opportunities for parents to serve/support this growing ministry!

We will kick-off a new year of Transit on Sunday, September 8th from 5-7pm!

Why attend Transit?

As kids get ready to move into middle school, friendships become more and more important! Our goal is to help kids grow friendships with each other while having fun and learning about God!

What do we do at Transit?

We have escape rooms and events like S'more Prayers where we learn about God, seasonal games and activities like the Cereal Bowl where we have lots of fun together! We have also done missions projects like preparing food for the Feed My Sheep ministry and putting together Easter bags for families at our local food pantries! Friends are welcome to come as well!!

This August we have two fun events – going to the movies and going putt putt/bowling – that will be happening on August 4th and 11th! For more details on these Sunday events and Transit in general, email Jen.

Pictures from Kids' Camp and Students Local Serve/ Mission Trip



Trinity UMC Acolyte Program



Students in grades 6-12,
come join our team!



Reasons to participate:

- Experience fellowship and fun
- Actively participate in your faith community
- Learn more about the worship experience at TUMC
- Participate in a long-running program; acolytes have served Trinity for 45+ years

Join now!

*Fill out the interest form using
the QR code:*



For more information, contact:
Mary-Holland Thompson
acolytes.trinityumc@gmail.com | 804-402-1263

Student Ministries

Student Ministries Fall Interest Meeting

Parents and Students, you are encouraged to join Daniel, Kenzel, and our student ministries volunteers for a presentation about plans for the Fall in the Student Ministry! We'll cover:

- Our faith development goals for the coming year
- Our Sunday morning and Sunday night schedules
- Our Small Group structures
- Our Sunday School teaching plans
- Our key events
- Forms and Information

So that we can get a proper sense of how many people to expect, please RSVP at trinityumc.net/students. Registration will close on the night of Thursday August 15 so that we can spend Friday preparing packets. We look forward to discussing the Fall with you, and experiencing all the great things coming up for our student ministry!

Centering Night August 18, 5-7 PM

The school year is coming up fast, and to help get ready, all students are invited to join us for a quiet night together. We'll get out our board games, open up Trinity Hall for pickleball and basketball, and there will be space to pray or spend quiet time in the church for anyone who wants to have some space. All are welcome, and dinner will be provided. Come and join us!



Flying Squirrels Game

Students, join the Trinity Student Ministries family for a night enjoying some baseball on Thursday, August 8! We will leave from church at approximately 5:30 and return at approximately 9. Tickets are limited and sign ups close on Thursday! Sign up at trinityumc.net/students

Welcome Kenzel Pugh

On Sunday June 30, Trinity welcomed **Kenzel Pugh** as our new Assistant Director of Student Ministries. Kenzel is a husband, father, and a graduate of Virginia Union University, where he will be beginning his Masters in Divinity this fall as he works towards becoming a pastor and educator. He also has extensive experience in working in many different church traditions, and will bring a fresh and invigorating perspective to our work at Trinity.



Kenzel felt the call to serve at a young age while growing up in the Raleigh, NC area. He comes from a family of pastors and faithful followers of Christ. While his faith journey is still flourishing he has followed pursuits as a motivational speaker and author. He enjoys reading, working out, and teaching the Word of God.

Daniel has performed tremendously to guide the student ministry over the past year, focusing its mission while keeping students engaged and grounded in Wesleyan theology. In this next chapter Daniel will continue his role as leader of student ministry but now with the assistance of Kenzel. This combination will keep our student ministry strong, serving the youth as they build their relationships with God and with each other.

Annual Youth Lock-In

Students, join the Trinity Student Ministries family for our Annual Youth Lock-In on September 7-8! This event promises to be a night full of fun and great food! We will start the evening at 7:00 PM on September 7 and conclude at 8:00 AM on September 8.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. A sign-up form for volunteers will be available soon. We encourage parents and older students to get involved and support our youth during this exciting night.

Permission Forms: Every student attending the Lock-In must have a completed permission form. These forms will be available online. Please ensure they are filled out and submitted before the event.

We are looking forward to a night filled with fun activities, meaningful fellowship, and lasting memories. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to connect and grow together! For more information and to stay updated on event details, keep an eye on our announcements and check our website. We can't wait to see you there!

Pumpkins Are Coming Saturday, September 21





From the Trinity UWF President

Dear Trinity Sisters,

Hot times!

While sitting in air-conditioned comfort, I'm writing this, excited about what's to come this fall.

Our first meeting on September 12 will be a covered dish dinner at 6pm with a program by our own Bob Argabright. Come and see what's going on at Bellemeade Park and beyond. Please bring your men. It was great having them join us in May. As with all our programs, everyone is welcome!

Rosemary McCullough and Bonnie Andrews are planning a great Harvest Day Celebration for us. It will be different this year. We are trying a new idea - a brunch reception in the Welcome Center at 9:30 to be followed by a music-filled service at 10:15. The theme for Harvest Day is 'Music in Our Faith.'

Blessings to all,
Jo

Circle Meetings

Trinity is blessed to have five Circles that meet monthly plus one that meets to work on projects. Following are the meeting times and leaders. All are open and welcome to new members!

Circle 1 – 3rd Tuesday, 9:30am, Student Center
Leader: Stacy Campbell

Circle 4 – 1st Thursday, 11am, Student Center
Leader: Dianne Moore

Circle 6 – 1st Tuesday, 10am, Student Center
Leader: Jo Lewis

Circle 7 – 3rd Thursday, 7pm, Student Center
Leaders: Shari Adams & Caroline Cardwell

Circle 10 – 1st Thursday, 7pm, Members' homes
Leader: Sharon Wenger

Circle 11 – meet for projects as needed
Leader: Sheila Norfleet

2024-2025 Program Calendar

September 12 – 6-8:30 – Trinity Hall

Program: Planting Seeds in a Food Desert

Speaker: Bob Argabright

Covered dish dinner

October 10 – 7pm – Room 324

Program: Living Waters in Times of Drought:

Re-digging the Wells of Our Foremothers

Speakers: Jo Lewis and Shari Adams

November 14 – 9:30-10:15am – Harvest Day

Brunch in the Welcome Center

Service in the Sanctuary

December 12 – 9-11:30 – Trinity Hall

Service Day

January 9 – 10am – Room 324

Program: UMFS Auxiliary's work on UMFS campus

February 13 – 10am – Room 324

Program: History and Purpose of the World

Thank Offering

March 13 – 10am - Chapel

Program: Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

April 10- 9am-12noon – Trinity Hall

Spring Service Day

May 8 – TBD – Trinity Hall

Program: Mission Outreach of the Trinity UWF

Covered lunch or dinner to follow

Men as well as all women and youth are welcome to participate in any of the UWF programs.

Board Meetings

The Trinity UWF Board is comprised of the Officers, Mission Coordinators and Circle Leaders.

Meeting schedule for this year:

September 8, Sunday – 12 noon – Student Center

October 6, Sunday – 12 noon – Student Center

January 9, Thursday – 9am – Room 323

February 13, Thursday – 9am – Room 323

March 13, Thursday – 9am – Parlor

Judy and Lin Niedermayer

On Tuesday, June 25, the home of Judy and Lin Niedermayer in Goochland burned down. Judy was Trinity's Financial Secretary for 30 years (she retired in 2016), and her husband Lin reupholstered several pieces of furniture for Trinity. Thankfully, they were not harmed. They are currently in a fully furnished rental house (in Goochland). The process of rebuilding their home has begun. They, of course, lost all their material possessions and keepsakes. After their house has been rebuilt, they will need to purchase everything. At this point, they mainly need to purchase things like clothes and other everyday items.

Lin Niedermayer's co-workers have set up a GoFundMe page – <https://tinyurl.com/3vm6ja8c> (the spelling of their last name is not correct in the heading, but this is the correct page).

If you would like to make a donation to Judy and Lin, please feel free to do so through this GoFundMe page. If you want to send them something directly, you can mail it to them at their address, which is correct in the Trinity directories dated 2016. The Goochland Post Office is holding their mail and they are picking it up daily.

Judy and Lin are touched by all the prayers, thoughts, contacts, and messages!

Lenten Easter Mission Offering 2024

During Lent 2024, the Trinity congregation raised \$12,409.55. Ten organizations applied for funding grants. Those grant applications totaled \$15,900. After careful review of the applications, the following organizations will be receiving grant funding:

ACTS
Camp Rainbow Connection
CrossOver Healthcare Ministry
Leonard Theological College
New Shoes for Back To School
Open Space Park Oak Grove Bellemeade
Oak Grove Bellemeade Elementary School Supplies
Richmond Metropolitan Habitat For Humanity
Sherbourne Food Pantry
Westview on the James

We thank the congregation for their support.



New Shoes for Back to School 3 Ways to Help

1. **Donate Shoes.** Drop shoes off in Welcome Center by **August 25.**
2. **Donate Funds.** Designate "New Shoes for Back to School" on your check or in the drop-down menu if you give online.
3. **Volunteer!** Help distribute shoes at the in-person event. **Masks will be required.**

- **Monday, September 2, 2024 (Labor Day)**
- **First Shift:** 7-11 AM; **Second Shift:** 11 AM - 3 PM.
- **Location:** Third Street Bethel AME, 614 N 3rd St, Richmond, VA 23219. Parking is provided for volunteers.

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

Tables of Eight

Close to 40 individuals participated in "Tables of Eight" in 2022/2023, forming five groups that each met every 4 to 6 weeks for dinner



and fellowship. Persons who participated thoroughly enjoyed their time together, making new friends and connecting deeper with established friends. There is no agenda for the gatherings – only to have dinner together and getting to know each other better.

We are looking to organize new groups this fall, running October through May (or longer if the group chooses to). Please email Judy Oguich, joguich@trinityumc.net, with "Tables of Eight" in the subject line to register. We will have an organizing meeting in early October.

Join the Greeter Team!

Trinity is building a greeter team! As a church, a core part of our mission is to welcome guests, and Trinity's greeting ministry is an essential part of how we accomplish this mission. As we start to build greeter teams, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/7tax3f3e> and indicate your interest and availability for being a greeter!





Trashing Our Father's World

Americans throw out 4.9 pounds of solid waste per person per day. The Richmond area alone generates around 500,000 tons of landfilled waste annually.

The Northeast is in a crisis: permitted landfill space is limited. New York exports much of its trash to other states. Virginia imports around a quarter of the total waste tonnage from New York. In 2022 Virginia managed about 22.5 million tons of solid waste; 5.5 million tons came from outside the state.

Why is this a problem? Trash in landfills exacerbates climate change through greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and water contamination.

Many countries in Europe incinerate their garbage to make electricity. Overseas companies use heated and pressurized waste to turn trash into usable products, such as synthetic crude oil for fuel.

Virginia and the USA need to work on ways to reduce the amount of garbage going into landfills.

How can you reduce your trash?

Food: Food is the single largest category of materials put in municipal landfills. In the US over 30% of food goes to waste annually - half of that from households. Don't buy more than your family can use before it goes bad! Buy more frozen vegetables; check which items are safe to eat beyond their 'best buy' date.

Clothes: Approximately 85% of garments end up in landfills. Don't throw away old clothes! Donate your castoffs to charities or thrift shops instead.

Plastics: 79% of all plastic that's ever been made sits in landfills or the natural environment. Minimize the plastic your family uses, especially single-use items such as plastic bags, utensils when you get takeout, and water bottles.

Sources: Richmond Times Dispatch (June 23, 2024), Earthday.org and usda.gov

Construction Update

Despite the mean summer heat and humidity, our construction crews have been working hard each day. All demolition has been completed. HVAC installation continues. New windows are being installed, and prep work for plumbing and electrical improvements continue. Some of the crews have shifted to a ten-hour work day with Saturdays being crunched into the scope of work too. As always, we thank you for your continuing support of this project.

Joys and Concerns

Our sympathies to...

*Nancy Berryman whose mother Jean Seal died July 25
The family of John Garner, Jr. who died July 20
Peggy and Vernon Roberts whose daughter Stephanie
Larry died July 19
The family of Terri Reed who died July 11
Ann Collier whose brother-in-law Alexander McDowell
died July 6*



Recognition of Active Military

In the July issue of the Trinity Window, we listed the names of four young men who are currently on active duty in the United States military. When a list is put together, there is always a chance that the name of a person who is serving will be missed. To Clayton Leep, who is currently on active duty with the United States Marine Corps, and his family, I offer an apology. In moving forward, if any Trinity member has a son or daughter who is currently on active duty, please forward their name and branch of service to Bill Pike. Having this information will help with two items: making sure to keep this person in our prayers, and having their name for the annual Veterans Pancake Breakfast.

Miller Jenkins Update

Since our 19-year-old grandson's car accident and spinal cord injury last October, we have received so many prayers and inquiries about how Miller is doing. He now has physical therapy 5 days a week at two rehab facilities in Raleigh. He is making slow, but steady progress toward hopefully regaining his ability to walk. Miller, his mother (Whitney) and sister (Abigail), Judy and I thank you for all the prayers, cards/notes of encouragement, and gifts from so many at Trinity. Please keep praying for Miller and God's continuing love and compassion as he works very hard on his journey to recovery.

With Love in Christ,
Judy and Steve Werner



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, August 19 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.