



The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Pen



A season for everything

- 3 There's a season for everything
and a time for every matter under the heavens:
- 2 a time for giving birth and a time for dying,
a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,
- 3 a time for killing and a time for healing,
a time for tearing down and a time for building up,
- 4 a time for crying and a time for laughing,
a time for mourning and a time for dancing,
- 5 a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,
a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,
- 6 a time for searching and a time for losing,
a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,
- 7 a time for tearing and a time for repairing,
a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,
- 8 a time for loving and a time for hating,
a time for war and a time for peace.

The world seems to work on its own schedule. Most of the time, we would like the universe to follow *our* schedule. It does not always. In fact, sometimes I wonder if it rarely does. If there's one thing I have learned over and over again, sometimes painfully, is that all things are in God's time. Things we think are easy take longer than we think they should. Things we stress about in their complexity just seem to work out. Or maybe, nothing does, yet.

As we go through yet another season of unknowns this summer at Trinity, I think it would be helpful for us to keep this in mind. This summer may or may not unfold the way we want it to. In my experience, even when our lives go very differently than we have planned, God's plan is often better. More than once, a delay meant something better. More than once things worked out unexpectedly to free up alternative possibilities. God does that, and it is always surprising and amazing.

Let's look for God's work, while we do ours to the best of our ability. Trust that, in God's time, we will be who we need to be, when we need to be.

For everything, there is a season. We just don't always get to know when those are. The good news is that you don't have to because God does.

Yours in Christ,





Kids Camp Celebration
Sunday July 14
One Worship Service
10 AM




Save the Date!
Trinity Kick-Off Event
Westview on the James!
Sunday, August 25
1:30 – 4 PM

Lunch, hayrides, outdoor games, water sports and tours of Westview! Fun and fellowship included! Indoor activities for seniors too! Mark your calendars now - and come join the fun!!



Pub Theology

Pub Theology will continue through the summer months. The next two dates are **Tuesday, July 16** and **Tuesday, August 13**. Both dates will begin at **6 PM** at WayGone Brewery. Come join us!



Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K

On Saturday, September 14, Trinity in coordination and cooperation with Third Church, St. Stephens Episcopal, Douglas Freeman High School, and the Henrico Education Foundation will be hosting the second running of the Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K.

A Kids Fun Run will start at 8:00 AM followed with the 5K run at 8:30 AM. The purpose of the 5K is to raise funds for a scholarship established in memory of Mrs. Curry who was an outstanding Social Studies teacher at Douglas Freeman High School. Additionally, the event is focused on improving our mental and physical health.

In the weeks ahead, more information will be forthcoming about signing up to run/walk, volunteer, and becoming a corporate sponsor. We appreciate the support you gave us last year, and we look forward to having you with us on September 14.



Trinity's 2024 **Dillard Forum** is honored to have **Kim Bobo** as the keynote speaker for our **Day of Learning on Sunday, September 29**.

The executive director of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, a non-partisan advocacy coalition, Kim is a promoter of social justice who served as national organizing director of Bread For the World and as an instructor at the Midwest Academy where she helped train hundreds of organizers and faith-based activists to think and work strategically.

After her arrival in Virginia in 2016, Kim mobilized an historic faith advocacy campaign and played a leadership role in promoting our state's Medicaid expansion, which passed in 2018. With a BA in religion from Barnard College and an M.A. in economics from the New School for Social Research, she is the author of several books.

Bobo was named one of 14 "Faith Leaders to Watch" in 2014 and one of Utne Reader's "50 Visionaries Who Are Changing Your World" in 2009.

Mark Sunday, September 29 on your calendar now!
Plan to come to the Dillard Forum "Day of Learning" at Trinity for worship, learning, fellowship, food, and exciting dialog with Kim Bobo and her staff! We'll celebrate Trinity's current service projects and consider how we might continue to "up our game" in serving our community. The Dillard Forum is looking for additional committee members to help facilitate the organization of and planning for the Dillard Forum series. Contact Pastor Brian or Carol Wampler to express interest.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 14 Concert by the renowned Virginians Barbershop Chorus! 2 PM, Trinity Hall, refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, August 13 Our own Bill Pike will present "Sunshine in Our Lives: Stevie Wonder". We will be in the Welcome Center, 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 hope you will plan to join us for these programs and day trips! Contact Dan Nichols or Judy Oguich for more information.



**Sunday, July 14
2 – 3:30 PM**

Come hear "The Virginians Barbershop Chorus" in concert at Trinity UMC. Their repertoire will include Classic Barbershop, Broadway, Country, 50's and 60's, Patriotic and Gospel Music, all sung a'cappella. The chorus is made up of 30+ voices. Come and bring a friend or two! A love offering will be taken.

Young At Heart

In June, the Young at Heart took a trip to the State Capitol, where they enjoyed a guided tour. They were then given a special tour of the governor's mansion by Trinity member Linda Robinson. The group thanks Colleen Messick for making arrangements for the tour of the mansion.

Thanks also for Bill Pike who played chauffeur and got the group to all their destinations!



LOCAL SERVE

JULY 7-11

COME SERVE
AND GROW
WITH US!

LUNCH PROVIDED



Local Serve is coming up once again! This is a great week for service, fun, and fellowship for our students and adult volunteers. If you're a student (6th grade and up) we would love to have you be a part of it! Here's our schedule:

- **July 7:** We will be meeting at church from **5-7 PM** and helping set up decorations for Kids Camp. Dinner will be provided.
- **July 8:** We will be meeting at church and eating lunch from **12:30 to 1:30 PM**, before going to CrossOver Healthcare Ministries, followed by bowling.
- **July 9:** We will be meeting at church and eating lunch from **12:30 to 1:30 PM**, before going to Belmeade Park to complete a service project, followed by a cookout
- **July 10:** We will be meeting at church and eating lunch from **12:30 to 1:30 PM**, before going to Home Again Homeless Shelter and completing another service project, and watching a movie.
- **July 11:** We will be meeting at church and eating lunch from **12:30 to 1:30 PM**, before setting up for a carwash to raise money for Trinity's community assistance fund, and wrapping up the week by playing games at church!

To sign your student up for this event, use the link below. This permission/registration form will close on **June 30**.

Permission Form Link:

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

We need volunteer support for this event too! **If you would like to help bring lunch, or come and support our students in one of these events, go to this link to sign up**, or email Daniel at dguenther@trinityumc.net.

Signup Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A8A72AA2FDC16-49927310-trinity#/>



SWAG (Summer Worship and Games)

July 29-August 1, 6-9 PM

It's coming soon...

Join Trinity Students as we cap off the Summer with an awesome week of games, activities, and worship! From July 29 to August 1, we will compete, get messy, and worship together as a group so that we can draw closer to God and each other! All students grade 6 and up are invited! Event times are 6-9 PM every night, with snacks provided. Permission/Register forms are available at the link below. The form will close on July 15.

Permission/Register form: <https://share.fluro.io/form/666896c58c1386003690bca8>





What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?



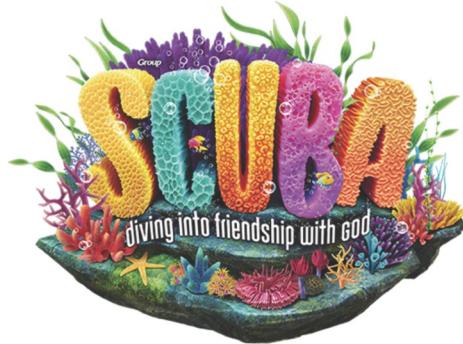
Family Camp: This year Family Camp will meet in Eaton Hall at 10am from July 21 – August 11 and our focus will be on the Lord's Prayer. Each family will receive "The Most Important Prayer of All" by Adam Hamilton to take home with them. Each Sunday there will be stations set up in Eaton Hall for families to complete together to help them learn more about the Lord's Prayer. With this set-up, families are able to attend when they are available and are sure to get something meaningful out of their time together. There will also be take-home activities for families to utilize to help them learn and understand the Lord's Prayer. Please sign up here for each date your family can attend:

<https://tinyurl.com/4y6xrz7w>



Kids Worship (after the Kids Moment at the 9am worship service) is in need to volunteers for the summer!

Please sign up if you can help!
<https://tinyurl.com/bd5bkp6v>



Can you help us get Trinity ready for Kids Camp?

We are in need of volunteers at these times to help us get spaces in the building ready for over 110 campers!!!
 Please sign up here if you can help with this!

<https://tinyurl.com/932j4xfr>

Thank you to everyone who helped us make decorations for Kids Camp during the discipleship hour!!!



Leadership Registration Coming Soon!

Duke Fan? Coach K will be a presenter at this year's **Global Leadership Summit** which will be streaming live to a location near you!

Two churches in the **Three Notch'd District** have offered to be local host sites: **Aldersgate UMC** in Charlottesville, and **Trinity UMC** in Richmond. The Summit is **Thursday-Friday, August 8 – 9.**

Register early! Three Notch'd District will cover 50% of the fee for the first 20 to register at each location!! Our standard rates are \$159 but other discounts are also available for military, students, first responders, and teachers. CEUs are also be available.

This is open to clergy, laity, and the community – so spread the word! The more engagement we have the greater the value of learning. You will receive a binder of valuable materials to help unlock you true potential!

Join us for an immersive journey designed to transform you into a confident, influential leader. Hear from other speakers too – Cary Lohrenz, first female F14 Fighter Pilot, Authors Jo Saxton and Kindra Hall, Comedian Michal Jr., and many more! For more information check out the link: [The Global Leadership Summit 2024 - Global Leadership Network](#) (but WAIT for the Three Notch'd District specific link to register with discounts).

We are so excited and thankful to partner with the leadership offered by **Rev. Chip Giessler** at Aldersgate UMC and **Rev. Brian Siegle** at Trinity!

Lay Servant Academy

The Conference Lay Servant Academy August training will be **Friday & Saturday, August 16 and 17.** (VIRTUAL ONLY!) Watch for registration to come early to mid-June. For now save the dates! For any questions, contact Tianna Durbin, Director of Lay Servant Academy tiannad@arcolachurch.org.

Here is the course selections--

- Basic
- Children's Faith Formation
- Spiritual Gifts
- Social Principles
- Certified Lay Minister Orientation
- Leading Worship

Renovation Project Update

Demolition, electrical, and HVAC technicians have been working hard since April on their responsible areas. With the demo, peeling the layers of this building back to the original framing has been insightful and challenging. Electrical and HVAC disconnects and upgrades are going well.

If all goes well with the opening of two sections of roofing on June 24, a crane will be on our grounds on July 1 to lift HVAC components for installation. Opening the roof and the crane lift are contingent upon favorable weather conditions.

And related to the personal safety for our congregation, staff, and on-site technicians, we need your help. The two side doors used as entry/exit points on the Preschool side of the building are only available for construction workers Monday- Friday. Additionally, those doors will not be available for congregational use on Sunday mornings either. Temporary lighting and hazardous footing make these doors/hallways non-accessible during the remainder of the project.

Parking in the lot adjacent to the Preschool wing is only available for construction workers Monday-Friday. If you need access to the church during the week, the best place to park is in the lot directly behind the playground. Your point of entry to the building will be the church office door. Thanks, the Trustees



New System

We are excited that Trinity is transitioning several of our data management and communication systems over to a new platform. We have contracted with a company named Subsplash to provide these services. This system allows us to integrate all of our various databases and communication lists to a single platform. What Subsplash gives us is a new website, new video management system, new giving system, member chat tools, a Trinity phone/tablet app, and more. If you receive an email from Trinity and Subsplash about creating an account, it is to allow you full access to the systems including messaging and giving. We will be transitioning all online and automatic giving to this system over time. Please be patient with us as we transition. We are excited about the features and capability of this new system, including a reduced cost

Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School Apple Angel Tree

The Apple Angel Tree tradition continues for the 2024-25 school year! One big change this year is the timing of the need for supplies. The Richmond School Board approved an extended school year for Oak Grove-Bellemeade beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Oak Grove will add an additional 20 school days increasing its school year to 200 days. School will begin for Oak Grove students on July 22! Thus, we will be moving up the dates for collecting and delivering supplies.

What is the Apple Angel Tree?

Trinity has partnered with Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School for 20+ years. During the Spring, the lead teachers for grades K-5 provide us with a list of items the teachers would like to receive for their classrooms. We turn these lists into “apples” that can be “picked” for the upcoming school year.

Apples will be “ripe for picking” on **Sunday, June 30**. We hope to make the first delivery of supplies to Oak Grove the week of July 22 and complete our collection by Sunday, August 18.

As we have done the past several years, we will have a number of ways for all Trinity families to participate.

In-Person Apples

If you worship in person at Trinity or are able to come to Trinity, we invite you to choose an apple from the display boards in the Welcome Center at the church. There will also be a display board in Trinity Hall for those delivering food on Fridays.

Amazon Wish List

There will be an Amazon wish list available by July 1. This list will have items that are available in larger quantities or that are less expensive through Amazon. The items selected from the list can be delivered directly to Trinity.

Financial Donations

If you 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”).

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, July 21, or no later than Sunday, August 18. If having the items shipped, have them delivered to Trinity UMC and marked “Oak Grove Supplies.” Items should be delivered by Friday, July 19, or no later than Friday, August 16.

Thank you for your continued support of this project! Questions? Contact Karen Adams at 804-382-6477 or at kmadams1711@icloud.com



New Shoes for Back to School

The New Shoes for Back to School ministry will return to an in-person event this year for the first time since 2019. The date is Labor Day (September 2) from 8 AM-2 PM and the location is Third Street Bethel AME at 614 N. Third Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

The ministry provides new shoes to school children (K-12) in need. The shoes are donated by the Richmond Partnership of Congregations, which is made up of nine churches (including Trinity) and one synagogue.

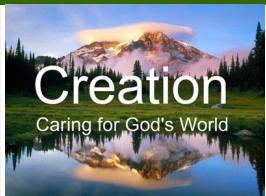
Each congregation has been asked to donate 200 pairs of shoes. You can help by purchasing and bringing shoes to Trinity, or through financial contributions. (New Shoes for Back to School is included in the drop-down menu on the “Give” page on Trinity’s website at trinityumc.net.)

Volunteers are also needed on the day of the event. The day will be broken into two shifts: 8-11 AM and 11 AM-2 PM. Masks will be required. A large fellowship hall will be set up with tables according to gender and size. Some volunteers will help at the tables; others will accompany the families as they make their way around the hall. Contact Beth Monroe bethmonr@gmail.com or (804) 339-0664 to learn more.



Old Cell Phones Needed

Please donate your old cell phones (with chargers, without service contracts, and with personal information removed) to be given to survivors of abuse to call 911. Bring them to Missions Central, the room down the hall from the church office toward the sanctuary. Leave them in the designated receptacle there. This is a great way to recycle. Your donation might save someone’s life.



Before Recycling: The Other R's Part Two

Recycling is only one tool in our arsenal for caring for God's creation. In addition to the R's discussed in last month's Window – **Reuse, Reduce, Refuse, Repair** – try adding these R's to your routine.

RESTORE! In your daily life, look for ways to help the environment. When you walk the dog, pick up trash and safely dispose of it. Plan a family event or join a group to pick up litter on a beach or river. Join a group that organizes local clean-ups. Keep a small reusable container in your car for trash. Encourage children to clean up the yard. Help God's earth stay cleaner.

RETHINK! The earth is telling us we need to support a more sustainable way of living. We once believed that the earth's benefits were endless. We now know that so many of the earth's treasures are becoming more and more limited. Try to buy more things from local sources. Try growing a few herbs or vegetables in your yard; be sure to let the children become farmers in this effort. Think of new ways to make your carbon footprint smaller.

RECOMMIT! Encourage your whole family to promote creation justice and help God's earth.

REMEMBER! Remember who you are and Whose you are. You are a beloved child of God. The very first commandment God gave humanity was to care for creation. Remember that you are a caretaker of God's earth. Let that sacred charge be your guide.

These tips are provided by the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement as a tool to equip church members, families, and friends to respond to God's call to care for creation and do justice with our neighbors.

For more about the UM Creation Justice Movement, go to umcreationjustice.org.

Active Military Duty



We ask that you keep the following young men and their families in your daily thoughts and prayers: Charles Given,

Matthew King, Jack McSorley, and Zach Smith. These Trinity members are currently on active military duty for our country.

Joys and Concerns

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Peter Pufki who died June 14
John and Pat Rollison whose son Brian Rollison
died June 11
Ann Collier whose mother Lula Collier died May 21*

Trinity Foundation in Action

The Trinity Foundation continues to support many initiatives in the church and the community. This past Christmas, the Foundation added \$7,500 to the Advent Offering funds supporting the good work of United Methodist Family Services. This resulted in a total donation of \$23,747. Recent funding and grants for other initiatives have included scholarships, support for Westview on the James and Friends of Bellemeade Park, as well as needs outside of the church's operating budget.



Sunday Flower Tribute

Would you like to have a flower tribute printed in the bulletin? Throughout most of the year (with the exception of Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas) we invite you to have a flower tribute on a date that is special to you, either in honor of someone (or a special occasion) or in loving memory of someone. The pink "Flower Tribute" forms are located in the Welcome Center, and the cost for a tribute is \$70.00.

Contact Paula Cadden (pcadden@trinityumc.net) or 804-288-6056 ext. 201) with any questions you might have.

**NewsLetter
Deadline**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
The deadline for the next Window is
Monday, July 22 at 4 PM for events
taking place in August. 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.