

# The Trinity Window

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## Pastor's Pen



Summer is here. The season of sunshine, outside activities, recreation, and travel has arrived. In true Trinity fashion, we are not resting quite yet. Summer brings important ministries such as Kid's Camp, Local Serve, SWAG, as well as continued worship and small group/discipleship classes. I thank each and every one for their enthusiasm and support of each other and the mission of Trinity. We all need each other to push against the selfish worldly values with the uniting light of Christ.

This month, our clergy and our lay members, who were elected at Annual Conference, will be heading to Hampton for our Virginia Annual Conference session. There will be worship, celebration, and business. There may be ratification of a constitutional amendment from General Conference that restructures the United Methodist Church into a truly global church as well as another constitutional amendment addressing continued commitment to eradicating racism. If you would like to know more about what is coming up, go to [www.vaumc.org/ac2024](http://www.vaumc.org/ac2024) for all the updated information. Feel free to let your pastors or lay members know how you feel about any upcoming issues.

This summer, we are also in the midst of transitioning our back-end member, contribution, and financial management systems to something new. With this will come a revamped website and a church app that will enable quick access to information, videos, giving, and communication. We're not quite ready to go live yet, and when we do, we will make sure you know how to access and use these incredible new tools.

As you probably already know, our building is under renovation! This exciting project will position us to provide the functional space we need to continue our mission in this community and beyond. Thank you for your overwhelming support for this project. As we move through the summer, we will have some facility gymnastics to work through with a significant portion of the building not usable through August. Let's stay flexible, stay excited, and stay accommodating to the needed changes that will temporarily disrupt our rhythms.

Every day you remind me that what we do together for each other and the larger community matters. Keep up the great work! Stay connected this summer if you are traveling so you don't miss something. Pray about how you can bring your skills, talents, and passions to the mission and ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Yours in Christ,

## Father's Day Attire Reminder

On **Sunday, June 16**, all the men of Trinity are invited to ditch the tie and sport coat, and wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt in honors of Father's Day.



We emphasize the Samaritan Fund Drive from Mother's Day through Father's Day. It helps supplement monetary needs of seniors residing in United Methodist Homes when they have outlived their resources. Checks should be made to TUMC with "Samaritan Fund" on the memo line. Place your check in the offering plate or turn it into the church office.



## Celebration for Aaron Miller

Rev. Aaron Miller came to Trinity in July, 2019, and has been sharing his many gifts of music and preaching since then. Aaron has completed all requirements for his Master of Divinity degree. The Bishop's Cabinet is projecting his appointment for the upcoming year as Pastor of Westhampton UMC on Patterson Ave.

Aaron will preach on his last day with us, **June 9**. Everyone is invited to a reception in the Welcome Center from **10 until 10:55 AM**. We hope you can join us!

The Staff-Parish Committee is encouraging people to give towards a love offering for Aaron. You may contribute through our online giving platform, or by providing a check with "Love Offering" on the memo line.



## Pub Theology

Special thanks to Richmond radio personality, Mike King, for sharing his experiences, wisdom, and humor at Pub Theology in May. We appreciate everyone who came out to hear Mike to learn how he works to help people connect in the Richmond community. Our next Pub Theology will be on **Tuesday, June 18 at 6 PM** at WayGone Brewery. Our program will focus on the spiritual nature of songs written by two gifted songwriters. These musicians were born in the same year, same month, but two days apart in different parts of the world.

## Continuing Support

As we move into the exciting and vibrant future of Trinity, we do need your help on something. Unfortunately, most things we do in this world require funding. We have to pay for facility bills, salaries for our excellent staff, mission expenses (which keep going up), program costs, and so much more. We have been diligently looking at about everything we pay for and are doing our best to trim unnecessary expenses and come up with a solid budget. Our extremely skilled financial-minded people on our finance committee would really like to be able to back up the expected expenses with expected estimates of giving. If you have already submitted your card for the upcoming fiscal year, thank you so much! If you have not already done so, please consider it as soon as possible so we can enter the next season with confidence that we can faithfully execute our mission to "make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." If you need a card, you can find one on the information racks in the welcome center, online in the stewardship button on our main website ([www.trinityumc.net](http://www.trinityumc.net)), or contact the office and we'll be happy to mail you one.



## Update from Trustees

We want to thank everyone who has been working quietly behind the scenes to help us empty the sections of the building where the renovation project is taking place. Progress is being made each day. So far, the contractor and the subcontractors are pleased with the pace of the work.

As we push into June, we expect another round of demolition work on all three floors of the education wing. With the tight timeline for this project, we anticipate granting access to subcontractors from 6 AM to 7 PM.

We thank you for your flexibility as we know that normal foot traffic patterns in the building and some parking areas have been disrupted with the renovation and location of storage containers.

The Trustees will continue to keep you updated, and we appreciate everyone's support of the project.

## Lenten Easter Mission Offering

Thanks to everyone who made a donation to the Lenten Easter Mission Offering.

To apply for a grant, complete an application on-line at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/TrinityUMC3/2024LentenEasterMissionOfferingMissionGrantApplication> or bring a completed application to the church office. Deadline for turning in the application is **Monday, June 10**. Paper applications can be found in the Welcome Center .

If you have questions, contact Bill Pike at 804-288-5056 or [bpike@TrinityUMC.net](mailto:bpike@TrinityUMC.net) .

## Cedarfield Celebration

**Tuesday, June 11  
3:30 PM**



**All are  
Welcome!**

Join us on **Tuesday, June 11, 3:30 - 4:30 PM** in Cedarfield's Club Room 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, have a devotion and then finish with communion.

If you can participate on June 11, please contact Carol Wampler ([carolwampler@msn.com](mailto:carolwampler@msn.com)) or John Taylor ([jaydeetay@verizon.net](mailto:jaydeetay@verizon.net)) .





## Upcoming Events

**Monday, June 17** Guided group tour of the Virginia Capitol in downtown Richmond. Lunch following at the Heilman Dining Hall at the University of Richmond (\$11.70/\$10.95 for 65+).  
Hours: 9:15 AM – 2 PM

**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.

**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.



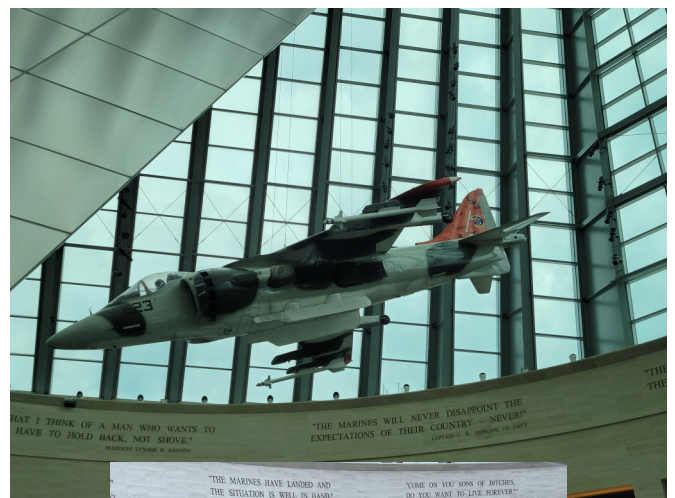
## The Virginians Barbershop Chorus Sunday, July 14 2 – 3:30 PM

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. Refreshments will be served.

## Young At Heart Trip in May

We had a wonderful day of learning – and fellowship – at the National Museum of the Marine Corps on May 14!

We had twenty-one in attendance. There was so much to take in – and the displays were incredible! And we appreciated our able drivers, Brian Siegle and Ken Hart!





## Trinity Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Trinity Foundation Scholarships. The Foundation awarded scholarships to eight very deserving students, who were all recognized at our May 19<sup>th</sup> Graduate Sunday service. Matthew Estes (Virginia Tech) and Allison McCullough (University of Virginia) received the L.E. Galaspie Scholarship, Catherine Dodson (Sweet Briar College) and Adaline Glassman (North Carolina State University) received the Alysia Burton Basmajian Scholarship, Sydney Duerson (University of Virginia) and Sophia Swartz (Virginia Tech) received the Stuart Graham Family Scholarship, Lizzie McCullough (University of Virginia) received the William G. McClure, Jr. Scholarship and Kaleigh McPhail (Hobart and William Smith Colleges) received the David C. Ekey Scholarship.

The Trinity Foundation extends best wishes to these eight outstanding young people as they continue their educational journey.

## SWAG 2024! Summer Worship and Games July 29 – August 1

What is SWAG (Summer Worship and Games)?

SWAG is an awesome time of fun, fellowship, and a time of worship for our middle and high school youth.

Save the date to come and participate!

## Save The Date

On **Saturday, September 14**, Trinity will host the second running of the Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K. We'll be looking for runners, walkers, and volunteers. More details will be forthcoming during the summer.

## Community Outreach Summer Projects

This summer, Trinity will be participating in the school supply drive for Oak Grove Bellemeade Elementary School and the New Shoes for Back To School sponsored by Third Street Bethel AME. Karen Adams will be coordinating the school supply drive, and Beth Monroe will be coordinating the shoe drive. Oak Grove Bellemeade Elementary School has been designated as a 200 day school. Students will be reporting for class on July 22, and this means we will need to collect the school supplies earlier. Please look for additional communication about how you can support both programs.

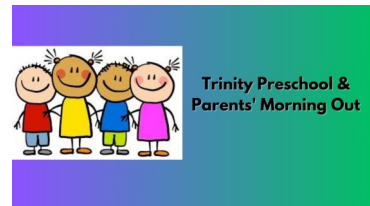
## Save the Date! Trinity Kick-Off Event .... Westview on the James! Sunday, August 25 1:30 – 4 PM

Lunch, hayrides, outdoor games, water sports and tours of Westview! Fun and fellowship included!



## Trinity PreSchool & Parents' Morning Out

Trinity Preschool and Parents' Morning Out are looking for kind, compassionate, professional adults to work with young children (ages 1-5). If you are interested, please call or email Katie Swartz at 804-539-9238, 804-288-6058, or [preschool@trinityumc.net](mailto:preschool@trinityumc.net).



## 3M Bible Study

Our 3M Bible Study Class finished up on Wednesday, May 15. This year we have studied "Called" by Susan Robb, "Heaven and Earth" by Will Willimon, "The Third Day" by Tom Berlin, "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith" by Adam Hamilton and "Fear of the Other" by Will Willimon.

Some of us have been together for 12 years – and some of us joined our group just this year! We love journeying through life together – and we look forward to starting year 13 in the fall!







## General Conference

The global policy-making board of the United Methodist Church, General Conference, met in May. It meets every 4 years and is composed of clergy and laity from across the globe. This year was especially historic for a few reasons.

1. Regionalization was approved. This is a huge shift in structure for the United Methodist Church, and creates a structure that is no longer US-centric. The United States would become a regional conference to be able to address its own unique issues, and the central conferences already in place in other countries would also become regional conferences. This creates a more equitable overall structure that enables the core values of the United Methodist Church to remain and each region able to adapt non-critical parts to fit their own cultural contexts.
2. The Social Principles, which provide guidance from the church on a whole host of real world issues, were rewritten. The proposals from an international team that has been working for 12 years were adopted. This includes removing specific restrictive language relating to LGBTQ people, putting the key decisions back in the hands of pastors and local congregations. Other changes include advocating for human dignity and renouncing racism, and supporting healthy communities in economic, social, and political realms.
3. Apportionment percentages and the denominational budget were reduced. This means the local congregations will pay less to support the larger work of the international church, leaving more of local church funds available for operations and local mission support.
4. Deacons, of which our own Pastor Judy is one, will gain sacramental rights in their setting. This means Judy will be able to officiate Communion and Baptisms after January 1 at Trinity.

For more details, updates, and videos, go to [www.vaumc.org/gc2024](http://www.vaumc.org/gc2024).



## Sunday, September 29 *THE DILLARD FORUM* *"DAY OF LEARNING"*

Thanks to those who provided input to the Dillard Forum Committee in February. You spoke; we listened! In response, here's the plan:

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Kim Bobo, Director**  
**Interfaith Center for Public Policy**

We are **focusing more locally** this year than usual. Kim and her staff will help us expand our understanding of how to serve our local communities and perhaps fine-tune our current service projects.

### Schedule:

- 9:00 Sunday School option**
- 10:00 Combined church service**
- 11:15 Boxed lunches in Trinity Hall**
- 12:30 Break-out sessions begin.**  
**Two offered; choose one to attend.**
- 1:15 Closing service in Trinity Hall**

Special features include **free child care**, supervised activities for **kids**, involvement opportunities for **students**, **free lunches**, and **personal Q&A time** at the end of the program with Kim Bobo and her staff. So "save the date" and attend on September 29! Bring your family and friends!

For questions, or to volunteer to help lead a segment of the event, email [carolwampler@msn.com](mailto:carolwampler@msn.com).

## Annual Conference

Each week, video resources will be shared in anticipation of the 242<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Virginia Annual Conference. These video resources will help clergy and lay members prepare for the business of Annual Conference. All members are asked to review these materials ahead of the June Annual Conference session.

New videos include:

- [Lunch Labs](#) with Rev. Amanda Garber
- [Pensions Report](#) with John Fuller
- [Just Compensation Task Force](#) Report

Find the full listing of videos on the [Annual Conference 2024 playlist](#) of the conference YouTube.

Find other AC 2024 resources as they become available at the [conference website](#).



### What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

#### Summer Building Project Impacts for Kids Ministry!

During COVID, Trinity Kids saw major improvements made to our Sunday morning spaces on the third floor of the education wing! This summer, these updates (plus a new HVAC system) are expanding to an even larger portion of our church building!! We are so excited for this work to be done and want to communicate how this will benefit and impact Trinity Kids this summer.

**Nursery:** Our nursery will be renovated during this building project and we are so excited!! We will be getting new paint, windows, lighting, ceiling, flooring, and furniture, among other changes to the space! We will also be adding a tv so we can stream services and other events happening in the sanctuary in our nursery for volunteers and parents to watch while they care for little ones. As a result of this renovation, the nursery will be closed while the renovation project is taking place. We want you and your little ones to attend church with us during this time so we are setting up a "calming area" in the Welcome Center with comfortable rockers from the nursery and toys for parents and little ones to use (if needed) while still being able to watch the service on the monitors. Beginning Memorial Day weekend the nursery will be closed for the renovation project.

**Preschool and Elementary Classrooms:** Our preschool classroom (room 208) and our elementary classrooms (300 and 302/304) will also close on Memorial Day weekend. For the month of June preschool and elementary kids will meet in the Chapel at our 10am discipleship hour.

**Kids Camp:** We will be using the Welcome Center and sanctuary (as usual) during Kids Camp as well as Trinity Hall and the student center. We will be using rooms 321, 322, 323, and 324 in place of our kids classrooms in the education wing.

**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.

We anticipate being able to get back into our kids spaces in mid to late August; I will share an update with more details on when we will reopen these rooms as we get closer to the end date of our renovation project.



#### CAMP IS FULL!!

#### CAN YOU VOLUNTEER AND JOIN US??

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!

Our biggest need right now is for volunteers to serve as Crew Leaders! Each crew of 7-10 kids needs two Crew Leaders. To volunteer as a Crew Leader, register here:

<http://tinyurl.com/yc762u2t>

Can you help us get Trinity ready for Kids Camp?

We are also 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>



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

Please sign up if you can help!

<https://tinyurl.com/bd5bkp6v>



United  
Women  
in Faith

## From Trinity UWF President

Dear Trinity Sisters,

### UWF Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Conference reflections:

Overheard in Chattanooga...

“Love without power is anemic”

“Justice is what love looks like in public”

“God’s love is sign language in a world stone deaf”

Shari Adams and I had a great time at the Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference in April. The photo below is of the Virginia Conference attendees.



There were some good speakers and some great music woven into our meetings and breakout sessions. Imagine 440 women lifting their voices in praise to our God. We felt challenged and empowered as we left.

We got to see the spectacular Smokey Mountains and fit in a trip to Buck-ee’s.

Back at home, we prepared for our May Banquet.



Circle 7 won the centerpiece competition with a basket full of the year’s projects. Eight of our men attended and we were all blessed by Pastor Daniel’s story of his preparations to get here and his work with our youth. He shared his 5 rules for student ministry and a good time was had by all.



Have a relaxing, fun and safe summer and look forward to our fall meetings. Save the dates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Bob Argabright will start us off in September at our night meeting. I think we should invite the men and have a covered dish dinner again.

My heart is full of love for you all.

Blessings

Jo





## Before Recycling: The Other R's Part One

We humans have been asked to recycle glass, plastics, and metals for many years. Only a few countries have made real progress and the USA is **not** one of these. Start using these other methods to be more environmentally friendly.

**REUSE!** Before you trash anything, ask yourself if it can be reused. Take reusable bags to the grocery store. Use the backs of printed paper for notes or lists. Purchase a reusable water bottle for each member of your family.

**REDUCE!** Buy in bulk to reduce packaging. Bundle orders online to reduce shipping packages. Choose "paperless" for bills and newspapers to reduce paper. Organize your shopping to make several stops on one outing.

**REFUSE!** Resist the constant advertising to buy more and more. Use what you already have if possible. When eating out say no to a plastic straw. Pick items that have limited plastic packaging. Reject products that include pesticides or other harmful chemicals.

**REPAIR!** Learn the art of simple mending to repair fabrics. Refinish or repair wood furniture or chair seats. If an item cannot be totally repaired but is still usable, give it to a charity that will donate or sell it to the less fortunate.

The United Methodist Creation Justice Movement provides these tips to equip us 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](http://umcreationjustice.org).



## Feed My Sheep

The Trinity Feed My Sheep Ministry has containers of delicious American Goulash and Cinnamon Apples in the Trinity Hall kitchen freezer. These meals are for you to pickup and share with friends. These friends might need to feel Trinity's care and love for them on a challenging day. A free meal is an extension of a "warm hug." Please share.

## Joys and Concerns

### New Members

*Hunter Saunders, Ashby Belding, Emerson Beazley,  
Ellie Beach, Peyton Edwards, Charlotte Hart,  
Julia Hall, Carter Jiancristoforo*

### Baptism

*Ellie Beach*

### Our sympathies to...

*Steve McPhail whose father Neil McPhail died May 15  
The family of Richard Warren who died April 30*

## Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity Friends,

The words, "Thank You," seem inadequate to express my sincere appreciation for the support and love that I have received and continue to receive from you during my cancer journey. I want to especially thank the staff, all of the different groups, and the many friends who have been so thoughtful to Pam and me with prayers, uplifting cards, and other generous remembrances. We are lucky and privileged to be a part of a faith community that cares about its members and friends as Trinity does.

With deep regard,  
**Wayne Bullis**



## Fiscal Year Ends

This is just a reminder that June 30, 2024 marks the end of the current fiscal year. Pledge contributions need to be in the church office by June 30, 2024 or postmarked by June 30, 2024. If you need to know the status of your financial promise for the 2023-2024 year. Contact Nancy Berryman at 804-288-6056 or [finance@trinityumc.net](mailto:finance@trinityumc.net).



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, June 17 at 4 PM for events taking place in July/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](mailto:ktingler@trinityumc.net).