



The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Pen

2 Samuel 22

David's thanksgiving psalm

22 David spoke the words of this song to the Lord after the Lord delivered him from the power of all his enemies and from Saul.

2 He said:

The Lord is my solid rock, my fortress, my rescuer.

3 My God is my rock—I take refuge in him!—
he's my shield and my salvation's strength,
my place of safety and my shelter.
My savior! Save me from violence!

4 Because he is praiseworthy,
I cried out to the Lord,
and I was saved from my enemies.

5 Death's waves were all around me;
rivers of wickedness terrified me.

6 The cords of the grave surrounded me;
death's traps held me tight.

7 In my distress I cried out to the Lord;
I cried out to my God.

God heard my voice from his temple;
my cry for help reached his ears.

As we head through and recover from another national election, remember that our Lord is the Lord of all, not just those we agree with or voted for. Our Lord is Lord of all, even those we have serious philosophical or theological disagreements with. Our Lord is the One worthy of giving thanks to, even when we feel like there is not much to be thankful for. In reality, there *is* much to be thankful for.

This is the month that we focus on giving thanks for so many things, so it is even more important to remember what we should *truly* be thankful for. Our God, the Creator of the Universe, is the most worthy to receive our thanksgiving and praise. David sang this song after coming through a very dark and scary time in which his very life was threatened. His words remind us that in both our praise and in our distress, God hears our cry and our voice reaches God's ears. When all around us seems to be out of control and the world seems dark, God is still there, listening, hearing, acting. God is God, and the only God. When all else fails, there still is God.

God loves you and loves me. God desires a relationship with us, in spite of ourselves. God chooses to use us in the work of redeeming the world, in the work of remaking humanity in God's own image. That's something to be thankful for, and something I will put my trust in day after day.

Thank you, God.

Yours in Christ,



Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 17 Come join us as we hear “American Indian Residential Boarding Schools,” a program by Joann Faulkner on the history of Native Americans in Virginia. We will be in Trinity Hall, 2 – 3:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.

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.

On October 8, Young at Heart traveled to Michie Tavern for lunch and then a stop at Graves Mountain for apples!



Do You Play Guitar or Piano?

The Praise Team needs volunteers in these areas!

Interested? Contact Daniel Parks at dparks@trinityumc.net



Pub Theology

On **Tuesday, November 19**, Pub Theology will be held at the WayGone Brewery on Patterson Avenue. The special guest that evening will be Craig Kocher, Chaplain at the University of Richmond. Join us at 6 PM for food and fellowship. 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.



Outreach Veterans Pancake Breakfast

The Outreach Veterans Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 10. Breakfast will be served from 8:15 until 9:50. Pancakes, bacon, baked apples, with coffee and juice will be served. Cost is \$5.00 or \$15.00 per family. Proceeds from the event will be used for community outreach.

Our program will start at 10, and we are honored this year to have as our guest speaker this year will be retired U.S. Army Major General Mari K. Eder. Major General Eder is author of the book *The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line*. This book “highlights the often overlooked and crucial contributions of women during World War II.”

Finally, if you have a Trinity Veteran that you would like to have recognized at this program, send the name and branch of military that he/she served to Bill Pike at bpike@trinityumc.net or call the church office. Deadline for submitting names is **Wednesday, November 6**.

Harvest Home: A Thanksgiving Voice Recital

This recital will feature art songs and folk arrangements by American composers on the theme of Thanksgiving. Non-ticketed and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken for the Music Ministry at Trinity UMC.

Harvest Home: A Thanksgiving Voice Recital will feature Daniel Edward Parks, Tenor and Director of Music Ministries and Laura Candler-White, Organist. Taking place on **Saturday, November 16 at 4:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.



Youth Friendsgiving and Dodgeball Tournament

Students, come to the Students Center on **November 24** from **5-7 PM** for a great evening together! We'll have a potluck Thanksgiving Dinner, and a Dodgeball Tournament and time for socializing as well. It'll be a ton of fun together!

[Click here](#) to sign up for the meal, and let us know what you're planning to bring.

[Click here](#) to register your dodgeball team for the competition!



"We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing" Trinity's Thanksgiving Eve Service

Come join us as we gather together to remember and give thanks for our many blessings. Wednesday, November 27 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. The service will be led by Bill Pike.

Please bring non-perishable food items as an offering which will go to Sherbourne Food Pantry.



Thanksgiving Bags for Sherbourne

Once again this year, we would like to fill bags of nonperishable items for Thanksgiving for the families served by the Sherbourne Food Pantry. Last year, we met our goal of providing 100 bags of food that were distributed the week before Thanksgiving, and this year we would like to provide the same number. Currently, the Pantry serves between 100 and 120 families each week.

Reusable grocery bags with an attached list of items to fill the bag are available in the Welcome Center and also in the rear of Trinity Hall near the food collection tables. Please deliver your filled bag by Sunday, November 17 to the rear of Trinity Hall or to the Welcome Center. We will deliver the bags to Sherbourne on Monday, November 18 where they will be handed out to Sherbourne families on Wednesday, November 20.

Thank you for your help. If you have questions or would like someone to pick up your bag, contact Karen Adams at 804-382-6477.

Join the Lessons & Carols Choir

Calling all singers! Trinity's choir will begin rehearsing music for our annual Lessons & Carols service in October, and we would be delighted for you to add your voice to the chorus! We rehearse every Wednesday evening at 7:00, beginning each rehearsal with Lessons & Carols repertoire. You are welcome to join us for the Lessons & Carols portion of each rehearsal only, or to stay and sing with the Sunday morning group too!

The service of Lessons & Carols will take place **Sunday, December 8** at 4:00 PM. We hope you, your friends, neighbors, and loved ones will join us.



Student Christmas Party

We'll have more updates to share soon, but **mark your calendars for December 8 from 6-8 PM!** We'll have a great night of food, fun, and fellowship, featuring Secret Santa and only the tackiest of Christmas Sweaters! It'll be a great night together!

Advent Sunday Evenings

Advent will feature 3 weeks of being together for a meal and activities. All activities are family-friendly and we encourage you to bring friends and neighbors with you as well.

Week 1, December 8:

“Lessons and Carols” This year’s program will feature several guest musicians and vocalists. A reception will follow. The program will start at 4:00 PM

Week 2, December 15

“Create and Celebrate” returns with family-friendly Christmas crafts. There will be four crafts for adults and four for children. A covered-dish dinner will take place at 6:00 PM followed by the crafts. Be sure to bring your favorite dish to share.

Week 3, December 22

“Community Christmas Party” with guests of all ages from Home Again shelters and other Trinity folks for a special dinner and evening together! We will have a catered meal from Global Fusion catering company followed by games and activities for us to interact with and form relationships with our guests. You’re invited! Party is from 5 -7 PM.



Crafts for Create & Celebrate



Instant Kids Christmas Pageant



4pm Service on Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Worship

Celebrate Christ’s birth at Trinity. We will have four worship services on **Tuesday, December 24**, for you and your family.

4:00 PM Family Service with Instant Kids Pageant
We are so excited to share with you a reimaged Christmas pageant that focuses on telling the Christmas story using kits that will be provided and all voices singing our favorite Christmas carols! The pageant will take place during the 4 PM Christmas Eve Family Service in the sanctuary.

6:00 PM Modern Christmas Eve worship service (also [online](#))

During our 6:00 Christmas Eve service, we will sing carols led by our modern worship band, share communion, and celebrate the joy and peace Christ brings. Our service will culminate in a traditional candlelight vigil. We hope you and your family will join us for this most meaningful celebration!

8:00 PM Christmas Eve worship service (also [online](#))

A traditional format service with choir and organ, special Christmas Communion, and Candlelight vigil. Come celebrate together this meaningful celebration of this most holy night.

11:00 PM Christmas Eve worship service (also [online](#))

A traditional Christmas Eve worship service. This late night service is a more intimate format, featuring Christmas music, a special Christmas Communion, and candlelight vigil. Come, celebrate, as we bring in Christmas Day together.

Flower Tribute at Christmas

Advent is a time when we choose to honor and/or memorialize loved ones by listing their names in the bulletin during the Christmas season.

The cost to have a tribute “in honor of” or “in memory of” listed in the bulletins at Christmas is **\$20**.

The funds received will be used to offset the cost of flowers used to decorate the sanctuary and foyers for the Christmas season. Monies received above the cost of the flowers will be donated to Missions at Trinity.



The deadline for receiving contributions is: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024.

Place this form in the offering plate



Attached is my donation in the amount of: \$ _____



Please list the following tribute in the bulletin during the Christmas season:

In Honor Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AND/OR

In Memory Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



Donor's Printed Name and Phone #: _____

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What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

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

Here's what we're learning this month!



Superheroes aren't heroic only when they feel like it — they're brave each and every day. The best heroes can even inspire the people around them to be brave, faithful, and hopeful in their own lives, too. In this 4-week series, kids will learn more about what it looks like to see God as the hero of our story as they hear the story of Ruth and Naomi. They'll see how God gives them companions, opportunities, boldness, and hope so they can be heroes, too!



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!

Our remaining fall dates for Transit are:
November 10, 17, 24





Music in Our Faith

Harvest Day – November 14



9:30 – Brunch in the Welcome Center

10:15 – Service in the Sanctuary



United
Women
in Faith

President's Message

Dear Trinity Women,

Thanksgiving is upon us! Turkey and pumpkin pie await. I am thankful for each one of you who have joined in the programs and projects we brought forth. It's been another great year at Trinity.

But wait....our biggest and most anticipated program is still to come on November 14th. There will be surprises in store for you. Many thanks to Rosemary McCullough and Bonnie Andrews for coordinating our big day. Come, bring a brunch dish to share and join in the fun and fellowship. Invite a friend!

Our offering this year will go to the Anna Julia Cooper School in the east end of Richmond for musical instruments for their students; and be split with the children's needs here, including a monitor for the nursery.

Reminder: please park around back so we do not interfere with the pre-school arrivals and departures.

With gratitude for all you are and all you do,
I remain--your servant,
Jo

Mini Loaves for Oak Grove

Join us in providing mini loaves of bread for Oak Grove ES this holiday season. We would like to share a loaf of bread with each teacher, staff member, cafeteria worker and bus driver at the school.



Pick up loaf pans and instructions on Harvest Day, November 14, and bring the loaves of bread to Trinity on Service Day, December 12.

If you have questions, please contact Karen Adams - kmadams1711@icloud.net - 804-382-6477.

President's Message

Circle Events

Circle 1 will be supporting and attending Harvest Day, so no separate meeting this month.

Circle 4 –On Thursday, November 7, 11am, we will meet in the Student Center. Pastor Daniel will talk to us about 'Reconciliation.'

Circle 6 will travel to Bellemeade Park for a tour and picnic lunch on Nov. 5, weather permitting. The van will leave Trinity around 9:45am. Bring your sandwich and something to share (optional). All are welcome to join us. Call Jo Lewis to reserve your seat on the van. (804-784-4370)

Circle 7 – Our November 21 meeting will be spent preparing Christmas gifts for the TUMC staff and writing birthday cards for Oakgrove-Bellemeade School students and Christmas cards for the homebound and others. We'll meet in the Student Center at 7pm.

Circle 10 will meet at the home of Ann Pierce, November 7 at 7pm. Kenzel Pugh, Assistant Director of Student Ministries at Trinity will be the guest speaker.

Circle 11 will meet to make candy cane mice for Service Day. Location and date TBD. Contact Gail Clelland for more information.

Circle 7
members at the
October 7
Jill's Blankets
event.



Save the Date:
December 12
Service Day

9:00am in Trinity Hall



Turn 'Thanksgiving' Into 'Giving Thanks'

We are invited to live every day – not just one – with an ‘attitude of gratitude.’ That invitation also bids us to act, for which others will also be giving thanks.

- **Give thanks for churches that remind us the Earth is the Lord’s.** Encourage Trinity to increase its actions for recycling, reducing plastic use and lifting up God’s Creation in liturgy and sermons.
- **Give thanks for those who get knee deep in dealing with mounting litter** in streams, rivers and oceans. Find a waterway near you, like the James River, and join efforts to remove harmful debris.
- **Give thanks for those who look beyond their own convenience** and count the cost to God’s earth as they make decisions. Examine your own habits.
- **Give thanks for those who are choosing careers and jobs that help the environment.** Encourage those in your life who are doing this work.
- **Give thanks for those in agriculture who seek to work in harmony with nature.** Before you eat, ask a blessing for all who provide the foods that sustain life.
- **Give thanks for people who plant trees and gardens that nourish pollinators.** Fall is a good time for planting many species. Look for places where you can add a tree or three or sow some wildflowers. If you involve children in the event, you will also be sowing seeds of caring for nature.
- **Give thanks for the laws, regulations and organizations that protect or restore the natural habitats of God’s creatures.** Support those efforts so that wildlife can thrive. Vote for people who care about God’s Creation.

Tips from the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement (umcreationjustice.org)

District Conference

The District will hold its **Annual District Conference on Sunday, November 17, 3:00 PM**, at: Zion UMC, 1674 Zion Road Troy, VA 22974.

Highlights of the District Conference will include a message by D.S. Lee, voting on district leadership, and communion. All clergy and laity are invited to attend.

Thank You Notes

The family would like to give our heartfelt thanks to everyone who reached out to us after the loss of my daughter Cheryl Carrington Allen on September 26. Your love, prayers, cards, food, and memorial gifts were greatly appreciated.

Betty Allen

Joys and Concerns

Baptism

Benjamin Adamiak

Our sympathies to...

The family of Barbara Shavelson who died October 24

The family of Chick Hadden who died October 23

The family of Carter Brenaman who died October 17,

Carter used to do child care for Trinity

The family of Rev. John Hamilton who died October 4

Anne-Carter Zetts whose brother-in-law Kris Anthes died September 29

The family of Jay Robinson who died September 28

Betty Allen whose daughter Cheryl Allen died

September 26

Renovation Project Ribbon Cutting Sunday, September 22, 2024

I remember a comment that a friend, a retired school superintendent once said, “People don’t give to needy causes, they give to success stories.”

Since 1790, Trinity United Methodist Church has been a success story. The ups and downs and successes of churches is always grounded in people. When we join the United Methodist Church, we are asked if we will be loyal, and support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

This renovation was successful for many reasons, but at the heart of that success you will find loyal people. On behalf of the Trustees, we honor for their loyalty to this church, our children, our youth, and our community:

Anne and Bill Burch

Carol and Jim Crowder

Carole Smith

A plaque will be placed on the main floor of this renovated wing, renaming it the Burch, Crowder, Smith Education Center.

**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, November 18 at 4 PM for events taking place in December**. 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.