



# The Trinity Window

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 903 FOREST AVENUE, HENRICO, VA 23229

May 2016

## Announcing Trinity's New Associate Pastor - Rev. Drew Willson

Bishop Cho has announced the projected appointment of the Rev. Drew Willson as Trinity's new Associate Pastor effective July 1. (The Rev. Thomas Lott also has a projected appointment, about which he is very excited, but does not yet have permission to publicly announce it.) Drew and his family have met with the Trinity Staff-Parish Relations Committee and we are very excited to welcome them, even as we prepare to offer a loving farewell to Thomas and Greta.

### Meet Rev. Drew Willson and Family

#### Drew

Drew Willson really does have two LLs in his name.

He also really does have two children -- daughter Kyrienne (6) and son Halley (3) -- but only one wife, Shea Tuttle, brilliant writer and theologian extraordinaire.

Drew and Shea were married in 2009, but they met as fellow musicians and divinity students at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Before moving to Atlanta, Drew had spent the previous year with the Iona Community in Scotland after graduating from the University of Virginia in 2004.

Drew gets excited about the gospel of transformation that Jesus announces at the start of his ministry: "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!" (Mark 1:15). After eight years serving as a United Methodist pastor, he celebrates having seen that our hearts and lives really do change in the church - even if it's not always the way we expect or even want. Thank God it ain't all about us, but God's kingdom.

Drew believes that just about everything is soulful and sacramental in some way or another, including: communion, baseball, jazz, singing, sailing, the Chesapeake Bay, the Appalachian Trail, and songwriting. His debut album of original songs, "Inviting Storms to Town," is due later this spring.

In all, Drew is a work in progress, and he hopes you are, too.

#### Shea

Shea Tuttle is a writer and will be starting a master of fine arts program in creative nonfiction at Spalding University in November. Her writing tends to focus around themes of family, identity, culture, and narrative history. She also works part-time as editorial manager of the Project on Lived Theology at the University of Virginia. Shea has a weakness for chocolate chip cookies, solo coffee dates, Tana French novels, curly heads, and political podcasts.

#### Kyrienne and Halley

Kyrienne (pronounced "key-ree-ann"), our 6-year-old daughter, loves reading, dancing in the living room, playing drums, and telling her brother what to do.

Halley (rhymes with "valley"), our 3-year-old son, loves Curious George, all kinds of vehicles, snuggling with his family, and making people laugh.





## Stewardship Update

Our 2016/2017 stewardship campaign, Making Heartfelt Promises, is concluding. Thank you for faithfully supporting this campaign and our church. As of April 14, we have received **406** pledges totaling **\$1,429,431**.

This is an amazing response for which we are very grateful! This response is **\$16,459 more** than last year.

We are in a great position to grow our church, and increase the impact of Trinity in our community. If we have not yet heard from you, please consider supporting the church in this important way. Pledges can be submitted to Judy Niedermayer ([jniedermayer@trinityumc.net](mailto:jniedermayer@trinityumc.net) or at 288-6057 ext. 203) or online (<http://trinityumc.net/give>). Thank you again for your Heartfelt Promise!

## Elijah!

On **Sunday, May 22** at **7 PM**, the choirs of Trinity and Reveille Churches will join forces under the direction of Dr. Charles Staples to perform Mendelssohn's monumental oratorio, **Elijah**. The performance, with chamber orchestra and soloists from both churches will take place in **Reveille's** magnificent sanctuary and promises to be a highlight of your concert-going season. Please make plans to come and support your choir and to hear some wonderful music.



## SUMMER FUN NIGHTS AT TRINITY

Join us Wednesday evening **May 25** from **5:30–7:00 PM** to kick off summer with a cook-out and YOUR Trinity family!

~ live band ~ free hamburgers & hotdogs

~ games on the lawn

*Bring your favorite lawn chair and a friend!*

If you know you are coming please let us know on the friendship pad or by calling the church office so we may be good stewards.

Thank You!



## Trinity Youth Handbells Spring Concert

Join us in **Trinity Hall Wednesday, May 4** from **6:30 to 7:00 PM**. The concert immediately follows WFN

dinner. For questions contact Rick Axtell at 366-8438 or email at [axtellalt@gmail.com](mailto:axtellalt@gmail.com).



The 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held May 10 - 20, 2016 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. The General Conference is the top legislative body of The United Methodist Church and meets once every four years to review and revise the doctrines and policies of the denomination.

We prayed for the General Conference on Sunday, April 10 along with the Virginia Annual Conference. Please remember to continue to lift up General Conference as they meet May 10 – 20.

## Summer Forum



## Outreach Summer Forum

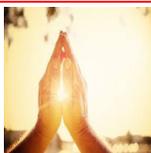
The dates for the Outreach Summer Forum are **Sunday, June 26, Sunday, July 31,**

and **Sunday, August 28**. The summer forum takes place in **Trinity Hall** with a **9:30 AM** start time. Our guest speaker on June 26 will be from the Henrico County Police Department and the program will focus on Fair and Impartial Community Policing. July 31, Dr. David Elliot from Doctors Without Borders will share his experiences working in challenging environments, and on August 28, Bob Somerville and the McClure Bible Study Class will introduce us to Anjum Ali and Malik Kahn who will speak about the Muslim religion. We are looking forward to having you attend and participate with us. Any questions contact Bill Pike: [bpik@trinityumc.net](mailto:bpik@trinityumc.net).

# Trinity Adult Ministries

## Calling all Pray-ers!

We gather on Mondays at 11:30 AM in the Chapel to pray for Trinity, our neighborhood, our country and the world. All are welcome to join us!



## Want a fun dinner out while getting to know your spouse a little better?

Trinity's Connect Ministry is pleased to offer

Cook It Out: Cooking with Couples with Allison Carver, LPC

**Friday, May 6  
6 – 8 PM**

Cost: \$25 per evening  
(cost includes two dinners and childcare!)

Register with Judy Oguich ([joguich@trinityumc.net](mailto:joguich@trinityumc.net) or 288-6057 ext. 206) by Tuesday, May 3.



## A Taste of Haiti

**Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 PM in Trinity Hall.**  
**Covered dish dinner – bring a dish to share.** A fun evening for the entire family.

Special guests from our **Haiti Mission Team** and **Dr. Alice Hirata** will share their mission experiences. Colorful art and craft displays; Haiti history, plus tantalizing Haitian dishes to enjoy.

Come, share, and enjoy the fun that evening dressed in your festive Caribbean attire- sandals are a must! Don't miss the opportunity to spend time with friends, as we praise those individuals that give unselfishly of their time.

*Sponsored by United Methodist Women*

## Trinity Moms and More May 3 and May 17 9:15 – 11:15 AM

Moms and More is a great way to connect to Trinity! Moms and More is a group that provides support and fellowship for mothers and caregivers in all stages of parenthood. We hope you will join us! We provide free childcare and there is no commitment or fee to join. Contact Krystal Hawke or Natalie Russell for more information ([trinitymomsandmore@gmail.com](mailto:trinitymomsandmore@gmail.com)).

## Westminster-Canterbury May Celebration

Come and join members of Trinity United Methodist Church on **May 24, 3:00 PM** at Westminster-Canterbury for a Celebration led by their ministers. Our members of Trinity who reside at Westminster Canterbury look forward to us coming. It allows them to continue to feel a part of our church even though they can't be with us. The program will provide a time for fellowship, refreshments and worship. All residents and staff of Westminster- Canterbury are invited to attend. The Rev. Doug Hill will deliver the devotional. We will meet in the Jaqueline Room and conclude with worship in the Chapel. Contact Nancy Owen at 740 7615 or [neowen1@verizon.net](mailto:neowen1@verizon.net) to volunteer or for more information.

## Young at Heart

**Thursday, May 12, 2 – 3:30 PM**

Bill Pike, Trinity's Director of Operations, will share a program based on the television series, The Andy Griffith Show. Join us in the Mastin Room.

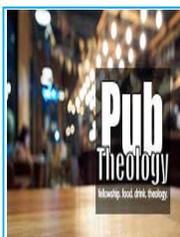
Refreshments will be provided.

In the works for the summer:

Lunch at Tanglewood Ordinary  
Squirrels baseball game  
Technology session with our youth

## Got Walking Shoes?

Announcing a new JourneyGroup – Wednesday Walkers! We will meet behind the church at **3 PM** on Wednesdays and walk for an hour around the neighborhood. Our first outing will be **Wednesday, May 18.** All are welcome! Contact Judy Oguich if you are interested.



## Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, May 10** from **6:30-8:00 PM** at **Ardent Brewery** in Scott's Addition (3200 W. Leigh St. Richmond, VA 23230). Pastor Larry will hold forth and field questions. What a great opportunity to invite your unchurched friends!

# Youth At Trinity

## May Calendar

- May 1      **SYM Team Meeting**, 11 am, Room 308  
**Youth Group**, 5-6:30 PM, Trinity/Eaton Hall
- May 8      Teacher and Youth Leader Appreciation Sunday  
**Youth Group**, 5-6:30 PM, Trinity/Eaton Hall
- May 15     Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday  
**SYM Team Meeting**, 11 AM, Room 308  
**Youth Group**, CARITAS Night, 5-6:30 PM,  
Trinity Hall
- May 22     **Youth Group**, Senior Recognition Night/End of the  
Year Party, 5-6:30 PM, Trinity/Eaton Hall

## Breaking News: Youth Mission Trips

The Youth Mission Trips (YMT) page has been updated with additional information for both the Middle School and the High School trips, including what to pack lists, sample daily schedules, and more. If you are signed up to go, please review visit the YMT page and read over the information carefully. [Trinityumc.net/2016-youth-mission-trips](http://Trinityumc.net/2016-youth-mission-trips).

Also, please note that full payment for the mission trips is due on June 1.

For those participating in the High School Mission Trip, please email Brian with your full name and birthday for airline tickets.

## VA Home Bowling

This is a great community service opportunity! We help some residents of the Virginia Home, who are in wheelchairs, bowl. It's really fun, and residents really enjoy it! Come join us! The next date is May 7.



**Visit [trinityumc.net/youth](http://trinityumc.net/youth) to sign up!**

## Stay Up To Date With Youth Ministry News & Announcements!

To receive youth ministry emails:

1. Go to [trinityumc.net](http://trinityumc.net) and scroll down to the bottom of the page.
2. At the bottom right of the page, look for where it says Connect and click the envelope icon..
3. Fill our your information and select All Youth News.
4. You're done! You can change which groups you get information from at any time by scrolling to the bottom of a TYM email and clicking on the Update My Preferences link.

## Senior Night at Youth Group

Clear your calendars, Seniors, because at Youth Group on May 22, you're going to be the guest of honor! What surprises are in store for you? You'll just have to wait and see! Parents of seniors, please email Brian if your senior plans to attend!

## Family Pizza Fellowship

Sundays After Youth Group!



Can't get enough of your favorite people at youth group? If you've got time, Youth and their families are invited to join us afterward at Christian's Pizza in the Village Shopping Center (Three Chopt & Patterson) for dinner and more fellowship! You have to arrange your own transportation, but there are plenty of people to carpool with!

# Children At Trinity

## Kindergarten Bibles

The Children's Ministry Team is proud to host the annual Kindergarten Bible Ceremony and Reception on **Sunday, May 1, at 9:30 AM in Trinity Hall**. An invitation with details and an RSVP card was sent out. If you have a Kindergarten and did not receive your invitation, contact Ashley Love (282-0014 or [ashleymlove@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleymlove@yahoo.com)) immediately. Our appreciation and thanks go to the McClure Bible Study class for the gift of these beautiful Bibles. We look forward to celebrating with you!



## Touch the Water May 15 at 10:45 AM Room 300

Trinity is offering a special class for **Kindergarten through 5th grade children** which will explore the sacrament of baptism. "Touch the Water" will be a hands-on experiential learning experience that your kids will not want to miss.

Contact Leila Denton [Ldenton@trinityumc.net](mailto:Ldenton@trinityumc.net) if you are interested in signing up your child or have questions.

## Mission Kids



Mission Kids are kids in 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in mission and service. We have been busy with lots of activities.

**May 8** – CARITAS meal. Join us!

Click <http://vols.pt/Tt2PZ9> to sign up

for items to bring for dinner.

**June 25 - 28** – **Children's Mission Trip** - Mission Kids and their parents are planning a 4 day (3 night) Mission Trip this year to the Norfolk/VA Beach area. See Children's Mission Trip article for more information.



## 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School for N4 – 5<sup>th</sup>

We have found an EXCITING brand new Summer Sunday School program for N4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We wish to burst into summer with this fun, insightful and energizing program, which will take the place of PowerXpress 9:30 Summer Sunday School this summer. ***The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss Sunday School Series*** highlights the wonderful Dr. Seuss stories we all remember and love. It points out the inspirational messages hidden in the colorful illustrations and rhyming words that remind us of the teachings of the Bible. In the midst of fun and frolic with Dr. Seuss, the meaning and relevance of some Bible passages will come to life for our children.

We feel it will be amazingly successful with your input and support. So look for ways to sign up to help coming soon. There will be a table in Connection Alley on May 1 and May 15.

*"If you never did you should. These things are fun, and fun is good." Dr. Seuss*

## Meet & Greet Join us for a Treat!

The Children's Ministry Team has had a great time greeting families of children and offering them the opportunity to have a few minutes to meet the other parents in their child's age group. This time of fellowship is usually in the child's classroom for 10 to 15 minutes following 9:30 AM Sunday School and we provide a special treat.

**May 15** - Crib Parents in the Parlor

We look forward to seeing you soon!

# Children At Trinity

## Parent Pep Rally!

Ready, OK.....God is Cool, God is Fun,  
Help us Teach He's #1

June 5

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Enjoy a little time on a Sunday evening with fellow parents sharing a snack supper and dreaming ideas of connecting parenting and children's faith development. Child care drop off and socializing begins at 5:00 PM. (Please pack a snack supper for your child – no peanut products.) RSVP to Leila Denton [ldenton@trinityumc.net](mailto:ldenton@trinityumc.net) with the number of adults and number and age of children.



## 2016 Children's Summer Mission Trip June 25 - 28

Mission Kids (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders) and their parents are planning a 4 day (3 night) Mission Trip this year from **Saturday, June 25 through**

**Tuesday, June 28.** Feel free to contact Leila Denton [ldenton@trinityumc.net](mailto:ldenton@trinityumc.net) with questions or to sign up. Early planning is critical for the success of this summer's trip, so please register now.



## Vacation Bible School 2016 9 AM – Noon, July 11 – 15 Dedicated Youth and Adults are the ones that will make this happen!!

Surf Shack is a place for kids to have fun and provides a strong biblical foundation for faith development in children. The VBS adventure includes

music that will energize, interactive Bible fun, super science projects, cool crafts, mission work, delicious snacks, great games, and more. **Mark your calendar and sign up now!**

<http://bit.ly/TrinitySurfShackVBS>

Visit the VBS table in the Connection Alley on May 22 and May 29 to learn more and for a special treat!

Our Directors for 2016 are **Erin Cundiff**, 301-7386 or [thecundiff4@gmail.com](mailto:thecundiff4@gmail.com), and **Sara Winterhoff**, [baw120575@hotmail.com](mailto:baw120575@hotmail.com), 357-4949. For more information contact **Leila Denton** at 288-6057, ext. 208, [ldenton@trinityumc.net](mailto:ldenton@trinityumc.net).

# Serve Opportunities

## CARITAS

CARITAS is fast approaching. Trinity will be hosting CARITAS May 7-21. We are hosting the Family Focus Program, which provides shelter to mothers and fathers along with their children.

Many of our Small Groups and Sunday School Classes will be providing dinner each night. Check with your Small Group or Class to find out how you can help with the meal they are providing.

We still need people to wash laundry (personal or towels). Families are invited to come and help any night to help serve a meal, help with homework, or be a friend to one of the CARITAS kids.

If you would like to help with this ministry, contact William Marriott at [vangogh3000@aol.com](mailto:vangogh3000@aol.com) for more information.



## Micah Association

We invite you to attend the Micah Association Lunch Meeting 11:30 AM Thursday, May 12 at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Dr. Anthony W. Leonard, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, and Principal Sheleta Crews from Southampton Elementary School will be our speakers. Please contact Qasarah Spencer 783-7903 ext. 24 or [Micah@richmondhillva.org](mailto:Micah@richmondhillva.org) to make your reservation and pay for your lunch.



This year Westview on the James is celebrating 50 years of camping, and we invite you to join in the fun! Summer camp and adventure sessions are available for children ages 6-17. Check out our website for all kinds of good information, and then please come to our **OPEN HOUSE** on **Sunday afternoon, May 1** to see what camp is really all about. We'll have hot dogs and s'mores, camp tours, fun activities, and you'll meet our great staff. Don't miss out on a summertime adventure – register online now for your week of summer camp! Westview on the James is an outdoor ministry of the Charlottesville, Fredericksburg and Richmond Districts of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.



## Calendar Highlights

### May

#### Every Sunday

8:15 AM - Traditional Worship Service  
 9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship Service  
 9:30 & 10:45 AM - Sunday School  
 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship Service

#### Every Wednesday

12:30 PM - Midweek Communion Service  
 5:30 PM - WFN Dinner

#### Sunday, May 1

Communion Sunday/Sherbourne Collection  
 Haiti Mission Team Silent Auction  
 9:30 AM - Kindergarten Bibles

#### Monday, May 2

Haiti Mission Team Silent Auction  
 5:30 PM - Trustees

#### Tuesday, May 3

5:15 PM - UMW May Banquet

#### Wednesday, May 4

6:30 PM - Youth Handbell Concert

#### Saturday, May 7 through Saturday, May 21

Caritas Guest here

#### Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day  
 9:00 AM - Teacher Appreciation Reception  
 7:00 PM - Creation Care

#### Tuesday, May 10

6:30 PM - Pub Theology  
 7:00 PM - PreSchool Committee

#### Wednesday, May 11

No WFN Dinner  
 6:30 PM - Leadership Development

#### Sunday, May 15

Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation Sunday  
 12:30 PM - Serve Committee  
 5:30 PM - Connect Team  
 7:00 PM - Finance Committee

#### Monday, May 16

7:00 PM - Staff Parish

#### Wednesday, May 18

No WFN Dinner  
 5:15 PM - Education Committee

#### Sunday, May 22

7:00 PM - Elijah at Revielle UMC

#### Tuesday, May 24

3:30 PM - Westminster Canterbury Celebration

#### Wednesday, May 25

6:00 PM - Journey Back to Joy

#### Monday, May 30

7 Church closed for Memorial Day



## Joys and Concerns

### Baptism

*Ryder Jewell, Garland Farrell, Nick Harrah,  
 Emma Nichols*

### New Members

*Eric Harrah, Nick Harrah, Molly Hendricks, Phil Russell,  
 Natalie Russell, Ken Beck, Anne Beck*

### Wedding

*Congratulations to the following couple who were  
 recently married:*

*Melinda Clelland and Steven Tepe who were married on  
 April 2*

### Our sympathies to...

*The family of Ione Gee who died April 15  
 David Glassman whose father Benjamin Glassman died  
 March 28.*



## Thank You Notes

Thank you for all of the cards, calls and visits. All of these help me feel as though I'm still a part of Trinity.

Sincerely,  
**Phoebe Mackey**

## Health & Well-Being Ministry



### Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening is a good monitoring tool and is highly recommended, especially if you are taking high blood pressure medicine. Blood pressure screenings are held in the Parlor on the second Sunday of each month after each service.

The hours on each Sunday are **9:00 – 9:30 AM, 10:30 – 11:00 AM and 12:00 – 12:30 PM**. For questions contact Kathy Barksdale at 288-0239.

**\*\*The screenings for May 8 will be held in the small conference room instead of the Parlor.**



## Trinity Co-Rec Softball

Trinity is forming a co-ed softball team for this summer. Games will be Tuesday nights beginning in the end of May through July, followed by playoffs. In the past, games have been played at Byrd Middle School, Moody Middle School, and Dorey Park. Softball is a great way to connect with other members throughout the church. Make it a family affair and bring the kids to watch you play! If you are interested, contact Paul Brooks at 285-1407 or [jpbrooks@vcu.edu](mailto:jpbrooks@vcu.edu). Also, look for a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

### Samaritan Offering

It is a tradition at Trinity to make a special offering between Mother's Day and Father's Day to Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. Your gifts are used for benevolent care in our VUMH Communities for those who have been blessed by longevity but have outlived their financial resources. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. You may donate online at [trinityumc.net/online\\_giving](http://trinityumc.net/online_giving) or use the envelopes located in the pews. Make checks payable to Trinity United Methodist Church and note "Samaritan Fund" on the memo line. In addition, if you would like to make the gift in honor or memory of a loved one, cards are available in the Welcome Center that you may use to notify those people.

### Our Stewardship

*"We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness."*

### Our Presence:

Day	4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24
Worship Service	476	545	598	
Sunday School	379	384	382	

### Our Gifts as of March 31:

Projected income to date: \$1,272,210  
 Actual income year to date: \$1,244,821  
 Excess (-shortfall) -\$ 27,389



## Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of **Mr. Reid Goodman** to **Trinity UMC BSA Goodman Fund**

In memory of **Mr. Reid Goodman** to **Trinity UMC – History Project**

In memory of **Mrs. Barbara Eicher** to **Trinity UMC Music Fund**

In memory of **Mrs. Carolyn Aldredge** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In honor of **Dr. Charles Staples** to **Trinity UMC – Music Fund**



## May is Teacher Appreciation Month

The Education Work Area has once again set the month of May for Teacher Appreciation Month. All volunteers in our educational ministry (teachers, tellers, confirmation leaders, nursery workers and pre-school teachers) will be our guests a reception on **Sunday, May 8** in the parlor from **9 – 11 AM**. Members of our congregation are asked to find ways to show appreciation to these dedicated volunteers throughout the month of May. Thanks to all who serve so faithfully, showing God's love to our infants, children, youth and adults!



## Zamar Theatre Group presents PINNACLE!

Pinnacle, written and starring Trinity's own modern worship leader Jay Johnson, follows an obscure fellow named Elijah, who is presented with the opportunity of a life-time and gets to live out his wildest dreams only to realize that it all comes at a cost. Join us on **June 24 and 25** at **7 PM** here at TRINITY for the telling of this age old story set to amazing music and exciting dances that will leave you amazed and entertained. For more info email Jay Johnson at [jasonlj401@gmail.com](mailto:jasonlj401@gmail.com).



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, May 16, at 4 PM for events taking place in June**. Articles may be submitted prior to the deadline, and we encourage early submissions. Articles must be submitted in writing with the contact person's name and phone number to Kim Tingler, [ktingler@trinityumc.net](mailto:ktingler@trinityumc.net).