



The Trinity Window

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



Pastor's Corner

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
Isaiah 49:6

In this passage from the book of the prophet Isaiah God declares that the Messiah will be more than everyone expected, not merely the savior of Israel but indeed the savior of the world, a light to the nations that my salvation **may reach** to the end of the earth. Later Jesus makes clear that his charge is also our charge. "You are the light of the world." (Matt. 5:14) This is not complicated, but it is terribly significant.

I was so thrilled when our Stewardship Committee chose for the theme of our 2017 Campaign *Extending our Reach*. Such faith! Such vision! The challenge before us is to underwrite and support the church so that we can extend the reach of our ministries and of our love. It is a worthy goal. However, I must point out that it is not an original goal. Several centuries ago, a young Anglican priest by the name of John Wesley had the idea first. He was not content to preach to the few people who came to church so he went to the wheat fields and the coal mines where the people were. He was not satisfied with ministering only to the nobility who endowed the parish churches but was committed to addressing the needs of the hurting people. Our vision in nothing if not profoundly Methodist!

What, you may ask, does extending our reach mean at Trinity? I'm glad you asked. It means embracing our tradition. It means being who we are. Let me be clear: Trinity is a great church. We are doing great ministry. But our ministry is not great enough. In can never be great enough, not so long as there are people around us who do not know Jesus Christ, not as long as there remain hurting people in our community and our city, not as long as there is more that we can do to further the cause of Jesus Christ. God has given us a tremendous mission field right here in Richmond, let us prove worthy to the task. My brothers and sisters I invite you to join me in extending our reach all to the glory of God!

Blessings,

P.S. Our mission field isn't just Richmond. As I write this our Honduras Mission Team is sharing God's love in tangible ways. Remember, we are the light of the world.

February 2017



Extending our Reach

"For this is what the Lord has commanded us; "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." (Acts 13:47) Throughout our history, Trinity's story has been one of impact here in Richmond and around the world. In a world of great hurt and need that story not only continues, but indeed we must be extending our reach. The command of God to be "*a light for the Gentiles and to bring salvation to the ends of the earth*" has never been more urgent and pressing. The mission will take great faith and a faithful commitment of resources.

Extending Our Reach is the theme of our 2017 Stewardship Campaign. Extending Our Reach kicks off on **Sunday, January 29**. It will culminate with Promise Sunday on **February 19**. During worship services on this day, members will be asked to submit their promises for financial support for the coming fiscal year. Thank you for your support of Trinity.

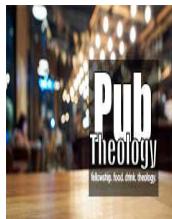


Extending our Reach

Stewardship Breakfasts

The Stewardship Committee will also sponsor **breakfasts in Trinity Hall on Sunday, February 12** at both **9:30** and **11 AM**. These breakfasts will give an overview of the church's budget and ministries, and also provide an opportunity for members to ask questions. Please join us for this important event.

Trinity Adult Ministries



Pub Theology Not Meeting In February

Pub Theology usually meets at Ardent Craft Ales on the second Tuesday of each month. Valentine's Day falls on the second Tuesday of February this year, so we are going to give Pub Theology a break only for February. But we do have a recommendation for you devoted Pub Theology followers. Join us on Monday, February 13 at Tin Pan for a musical showcase featuring our own Drew Willson. More details are below this event will be used as a fundraiser for the Haiti Mission Team.



Drew Willson music concert at the Tin Pan February 13

Invite your friends to join you for a winter evening with good company, great food, and the original songs and stories of Drew Willson.

Tickets for the show are \$10/person. All ticket proceeds support Trinity mission work in Haiti.

Doors open for dinner at 5 PM, and the show starts at 7 PM. We're opening this up to the public, so don't wait! Get tickets in advance by calling The Tin Pan at 447-8189 or visiting the Tin Pan online.

TinPanRVA.com
DrewWillsonMusic.com



Young at Heart Valentine's Day Program

**Tuesday, February 14,
2 – 4:00 PM**

Join us in Trinity Hall to watch the movie "Fireproof". "Fireproof" is in essence a love story, but its message goes far beyond "couples"; it's action-packed and heartwarming. We will have Valentine refreshments too! All are welcome!

Celebration at Westminster Canterbury

**Tuesday, February 28
3:30 – 4:30 PM**

Come join us as we gather with members of Trinity who live at Westminster Canterbury on Tuesday, February 28. We will meet in the Jacqueline Room across from the chapel then move to the chapel for a brief worship service, which includes communion. Persons who are willing to bring refreshments should contact Nancy Owen. Come and bring a friend!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper,

February 28, 5:30 PM

On Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras), we're hosting a Pancake Supper in Trinity Hall! That's not all!!! The celebration will include games for kids, New Orleans music, and a baked good auction to benefit Haiti missions.

Throughout the evening, we'll also share in the long-lost church tradition of the *Feast of Fools*: silly songs, skits, and stories from your own sisters and brothers here at Trinity UMC.

Get your fix of sugar and silliness before the solemn fasts of Lent begin!



Calling All "Cross Trainers"

Have you wanted to be a part of a Sunday School class, but felt awkward joining a group that has been together for so

long? Are you new to Trinity and looking for a Sunday School Class at 9:30 AM? Is one of your "new year resolutions" to grow closer to God? Then we have a NEW class for you! We have started meeting in the **library** at **9:30 AM**; we are studying "Defying Gravity". We hope you will stop by and look to be a part of this new opportunity for fellowship, friendship and spiritual growth. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Sara Winterhoff (baw120575@hotmail.com), Melissa Sanne (melissasanne@yahoo.com) or Judy Oguich (joguich@trinityumc.net).

Lay Visitation Training Sessions

Want to care for others and build new relationships this year?

Come and learn about Trinity's Lay Visitation Team Ministry by attending our two training sessions **in the chapel on Sunday, February 19 and 26 at 9:30 AM.**

The first session will address spiritual issues at the heart of pastoral care. The second session will address practical issues like scheduling visits, obtaining communion kits, communicating with Trinity staff, and ethics.

Pastoral care is the work of all baptized Christians. The responsibility of caring for others belongs not just to ordained clergy, but to every member of the body of Christ.

The mission of our Lay Visitation Team Ministry is to provide pastoral care for homebound church members through the devoted and disciplined company of other Trinity members. Through monthly visits that may include caring conversation, prayer, and Holy Communion, you and another Trinity member will bring the love of God and the fellowship of our church community to those who are no longer able to make it to our church building.

For more information, please contact Bob Sommerville (bsommerville@keitercpa.com) or Drew Willson (dwillson@trinityumc.net)



Camp Rainbow Connection (CRC): A Community of Caring for People with Intellectual Disabilities

Special guest speaker: **Reverend Mike Harrington, Tuesday, February 14 10:15 AM in Mastin Room**

Learn more about the week-long respite camp held for individuals with intellectual disabilities. CRC started in 1985 at Westview on the James and included 25 campers and 15 volunteers. Today, there are 120 campers age 16 to 80s with varied ability levels, heritages and faiths, with a staff of over 100 volunteers. Activities include Bible class, music, arts and crafts, games, dancing and more. Rev. Harrington has been on the staff of CRC for the past 5 years.

Mission Emphasis: items needed for bingo prizes such as coloring books, crayons, and fun jewelry. Also paper products – toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex and paper napkins.

**Hosted by Trinity United Methodist Women.
Everyone invited to attend.**



Music/Drama

If you play a musical instrument, have performed in theatrical productions as an actress or actor, or have theatrical production skills, please contact Drew Willson, our associate pastor, Jay Johnson, Modern Worship Director, or Charles Staples, Music Director. Thanks for your time and consideration.



Winter Weather Decisions

Making the decision to close our building based upon winter weather conditions can be a challenge.

First, the Trinity Preschool follows the Henrico County Public Schools closing decisions. If Henrico schools are closed or are on a delayed opening, then Trinity Preschool will follow the school system's plan.

For all church activities and for organizations that use the church facilities, generally, the decision to close the building will also follow the Henrico County Public Schools schedule.

However, our ability to re-open the building after a winter weather event depends upon how quickly we can clear our parking lots and sidewalks. If we can safely get people on to our grounds and into our building, then Trinity **might** return to normal operations quicker than the school system. As soon as the decision is made about opening/closing, we post it on our website, Facebook page, and update our phone system message.

Decisions related to closing the building on Saturdays and Sundays will be made based upon weather conditions at that time.

Questions contact Bill Pike bpike@trinityumc.net



Snow Removal

When winter precipitation hits the Richmond area, our parking lots are cleared by Slurry Pavers. Sidewalks are cleared via Trinity staff and our congregational volunteers. If you have a desire to help clear out sidewalks after a winter storm, contact Bill Pike via e-mail: bpike@trinityumc.net

Children At Trinity



Mission Kids

Mission Kids are kids in 1st -5th grade who are interested in mission and service.

We have been busy with lots of activities. Join us!

February 5 – “Souper Bowl” collection after each worship service.

February 19 – 5:00 PM meeting in Room 300

March 5 – Field Trip

March 26 – 5:00 PM meeting in Room 300

For questions or concerns contact Leila Denton at 288-6057 ext. 208.



The Mission Kids are proud to sponsor the “Souper Bowl” collection again this year along with many others nationwide. On **February 5** Mission Kids will be stationed in the foyers outside of the sanctuary and the Welcome Center doors after each service. Help us to transform the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration to tackle hunger. The Mission Kids will use the proceeds to support Sherbourne UMC food pantry, to supply a meal for Central UMC Kids Club, and a meal for CARITAS. Thank you in advance for supporting the Mission Kids.



Vacation Bible School 2017
July 10 – 14
9 AM – Noon

We are very excited to announce our new VBS Directors for this summer: Jan Benton, Krystal Hawke, and Natalie Russell



**Bible
Learning
And
Sharing
Together**

BLAST – Bible Learning And Sharing Together for Forth Graders

This event will be held on **February 19** in Trinity Hall during the 9:30 AM Sunday School time for kids and parents. Children and parents (or other adult) will have fun learning a little more about using the Bible. **Events are designed for an adult and child to work together at their own pace in a learning center environment.** Children will experience practical ways to discover God’s Word and make the Bible a part of their everyday life. Parents will learn how to cultivate children’s use of the Bible at home.

Remember to bring your Bible!

To Trinity Servants

GOD LOVES YOU! Who taught you about God’s love and helped you to grow in your faith? Can you make a difference in the lives of Trinity’s children? Yes you can! Trinity’s Education Committee is gearing up for the 2017-18 Sunday School year! You can choose to teach all year or a quarter teaching session (1st Quarter-Sept.-Nov., 2nd Quarter-Dec.-Feb. or 3rd Quarter March-May). OR if you prefer spending time with our little ones, we have nursery and toddler positions open which run on a weekly schedule rather than quarterly. Contact Carrie Jared, Jenny Murphy or Ann Vaughan at trinityumceducation@gmail.com and make a difference in the lives of our children. Come see us and sign up in Connection Alley in March and get a special gift in addition to the gift growing closer to God.



Youth At Trinity

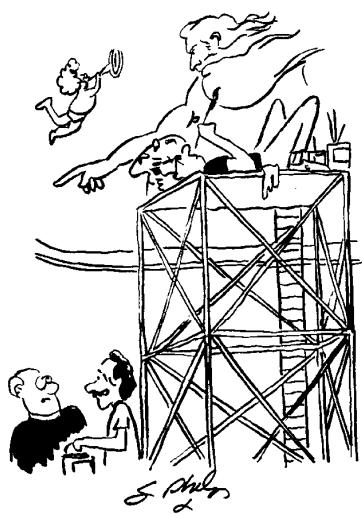
TYM for fun with the Trinity Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry is bursting with exciting news and events. For starters, Bryce Miller has joined our church family as Youth Director! Youth, parents and volunteers are all thrilled to welcome him to Trinity! Bryce is not the only thing new. In January we kicked off a Youth Praise Team and all interested youth can participate whether or not they currently play an instrument. (And let's not forget we have a Youth Bell Choir in place as well).

Beyond the walls of the church, youth are gearing up for a spring retreat and summer mission trips. The retreat will be **March 24-26** at Willow Run and youth are encouraged to sign up early as spots are limited. Summer mission trips will take high school youth to Washington, DC and middle school youth to Copper Hill, TN. New this year is a mission experience for all youth grades 6-12 serving in our beloved Richmond, VA! To sign up for mission trips youth simply need to subscribe to Youth News for the instructions.

This just in:

Join us for the Winter Retreat to Blacksburg, VA on **February 10-12**. The Event is sponsored by the Virginia Tech Wesley Foundation and focuses on "LOVE justice DO mercy". The cost is \$10 and sign-ups end on January 31.



"Look, I appreciate the youth group's offer to paint the church, but I was thinking more along the lines of basic off-white."



UM Day at General Assembly

The Church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust."---Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, 2012-2016.

UM Day at General Assembly will be held Thursday, February 2 beginning at 7 AM with registration and breakfast at Bon Air UMC, 1645 Buford Rd, North Chesterfield. Travel to the Assembly will depart at 8 AM. Attending Committee meetings and meeting with legislators will begin at 8:30 AM. An effort will be made to arrange meetings with legislators for large groups of registrants. If you wish a private meeting, contact your legislator in advance. Events of the day include meeting with Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy staff members in Senate Room A at 11 AM or attending Joint Session of House and Senate at 11 AM. Depart from Tunnel Entrance at 12:30 PM for lunch at Bon Air UMC and a 25th Anniversary Celebration in the sanctuary at 2 PM including music, a video presentation and a keynote speech by Bishop Charlene Kammerer. Register and pay online at <http://www.vaumc.org/UMDay2017> or print form and mail to UM Day at the GA, Rev. Barbara Lewis, Registrar, Greenwood UMC, 10040 Greenwood Road., Glen Allen, VA 23060. Make checks payable to: "Virginia United Methodist Conference". All questions regarding registration should be directed to Rev. Lewis at 594-6241.

25th Anniversary Celebration of UM Day

Centenary UMC hosted the 25th Anniversary Celebration of UM Day at the General Assembly, jointly presented by the Board of Church & Society and the VA Conference UMW Saturday, January 14. Rick Ruxton presented a video recognition of the history of UM Day with special focus on the Conference Legislative Network and the faithful support given by leaders such as Leona Bailey and Elvira Shaw. Bishops Pennell, Kammerer, and Cho were in the forefront following legislation through the lens of Social Justice, the Book of Discipline, and attending the annual event to seek to make an impact on our legislators. Jim Winkler, President & General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, offered the Keynote Address. Former Trinity member Beth Parker of Circle 5 traveled from Delaware to attend.

Serve Opportunities

2017 Lenten Easter Mission Offering: Seeds of Resurrection

Gardeners, farmers, and any people of faith know this about winter: no matter how long the dark nights or how frozen the earth, it's never the end of the story.

Our faith story began in a garden in Genesis. It reached a breaking point in the garden of Gethsemane. It found new life in the garden of Easter resurrection. And it will conclude in the middle of the city, in a garden where the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Though the 2017 Lenten Easter Mission Offering begins in winter, we know that we are planting seeds of resurrection for the seasons to come. Through your generosity, last year's Mission Offering brought \$34,000 to be planted in mission efforts from Forest Avenue to Africa, from Henrico to Haiti and Honduras, from Richmond to Eurasia. Thank you, and thanks be to God!

We celebrate the opportunity to give again through the 2017 Lenten Easter Mission Offering. In a wintry world, may our generosity be a source of faith and healing for the nations!

Kids Club

Consider signing up to provide a hot meal to the children who attend Kids Club and Teen group at Central United Methodist Church in the Manchester area of Richmond. Many of you have graciously served before and we thank you! We generally have up to 25 people to feed. Use the link to sign up and find out details about time and suggested menus that are well received: <http://goo.gl/ziiAPJ>

Thank you so much!

Hilary Coakley and Sarah Shutt

Micah Initiative

The **Micah Association Lunch Meeting** will be held **Thursday, February 9** from **12:00 – 1:15 PM** at the Weinstein JCC, 5304 Monument Avenue in the Sisiskey Family Room. Our special focus will be Swansboro Elementary in south Richmond and midyear school reports by our Key Coordinators. Our Meet and Greet begins at 11:30 with the lunch by DeFazios Catering to follow. The Micah Initiative is a Faith Community Partnership program connecting volunteers with each of the Richmond Public Elementary Schools. Lunch options include a variety of sandwiches or a garden salad for \$10, payable at the door.

New Volunteer Training for brand new Micah Volunteers will also be held **5:30-7:30 PM Thursday, February 9** in the Conference Room of the Jewish Community Federation Office which immediately adjoins the Weinstein JCC. This training is a requirement for new Micah volunteer. We welcome you to bring a brown bag supper, beverages and dessert provided.

Connecting with a school and enhancing the education of our students is a powerful way to begin the new year. Trinity's Micah partner school since 2004 is Oak Grove Bellemeade ES 2409 Webber Avenue, 23224 off Jeff Davis Highway. To register for either event, contact Mary Hetzel 282-5872.

Phones needed

Since spring of 2011, members of Trinity have donated a total of 164 cell phones to the YWCA for victims of domestic violence. The YWCA is no longer collecting phones but is requesting that donors take them to any Verizon Wireless retail store and place them in their HopeLine bins for the same purpose. HopeLine collects wireless phones, batteries, chargers, and accessories in any condition to benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence. Trinity will continue to offer a bin in Missions Central (the room down the hall from the church office toward the sanctuary) for donations of your no-longer used phones; these will then be taken to a Verizon Wireless store for HopeLine. Please erase all data and disconnect service for donated phones. This is a great way to recycle what you no longer need and could save someone's life. If you have questions, contact Anne Burch at 270-1661. 6



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of **Mrs. Alycia B. Basmajian** to **Trinity Foundation Alycia B. Basmajian Scholarship Fund**

In memory of **Mr. Bruce Parker** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Mr. Norman Hilliard** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Mrs. Shirley Whitley** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Mrs. Shirley Whitley** to **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**

In memory of **Mrs. Ruby Chappell** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

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Joys and Concerns

Baptism

Teddy Smith

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Bruce Parker who died January 9
George Burnett whose son Stephen Burnett died
December 24*

*The family of Ruby Chappell who died December 19
Carole Vaughn whose father Eddie Hosey died
December 19*



Hermitage News

The Country Store at The Hermitage is back on its usual schedule of being open from 10:30 AM-2:30 PM on the fourth Friday of each month. Mark your calendars for January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, and May 26. Remember when cleaning out your closets that clothing for children and adults are needed as well as housewares.
Nancy Miller

What is All God's Children Camp?

Children, ages 7 to 12, with an incarcerated mother or father, spend a week at camp, participating in activities such as boating, swimming, hiking, archery, music, crafts, Bible study, and conflict resolution. Partnering with Virginia United Methodist camps, All God's Children Camp provides a week of sanctuary for children who face so many challenges in their lives: economic poverty, temporary living conditions, loneliness, low self-esteem, violence and drugs.

There are many ways you can volunteer for camp and we definitely need all the help we can get. Some ways to help are:

- Pray
- Sign up to become a mentor
- Provide Supplies
- Sign up to drive campers to camp
- Monetary donations

Please contact Lori Smith at littelori@gmail.com or by phone, 571-245-9591 if you would like more information.

Dates for 2017:

June 18-23, Camp Chanco on the James

June 25-30, Camp Overlook

July 30-August 4, Occohannock on the Bay

Bob Argabright Recognized at General Assembly

House Joint Resolution number 662 is resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, that the General Assembly hereby is commending Robert S. Argabright II for his dedicated service to the students of Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School, through the Micah Initiative.



TRINITY'S STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

Please call us directly by dialing **288-6057**.

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Thank You Notes

To My Trinity Family,

Thank you very much for the love and support expressed to me at the loss of my dear mother, Shirley Whitley. Trinity is truly a loving and caring congregation, which brings me comfort and is greatly appreciated.

Kathy Crew

Dear Friends of Trinity United Methodist Church:

On behalf of United Methodist Family Services, I would like to thank you for the ways your congregation is engaged in ministries with children and families in your community. Trinity's dedication to UMFS has been invaluable over the years. You have sponsored many activities, dedicated a vast amount of time, and supplied us with numerous resources to enhance our programs for our youth. You have truly been champions for our children in so many ways. We are particularly grateful that you continue to show your support of our mission and ministry through your participation in the UMFS December Offering.

With deep appreciation,

Angie Williams

Volunteer Manager

Flower Tributes



To have a tribute listed for someone in the Worship bulletin, please fill out a (pink) Flower Tribute form located in the Welcome Center (near the sofas). We have many available opportunities during the month of February. Remember an anniversary, a birthday, or honor someone "just because." The cost for a tribute is \$50.

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	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22
Worship Service	340	0	493	472
Sunday School	125	0	355	360

Our Gifts as of December 31:

Projected income to date:	\$ 902,752
Actual income year to date:	\$ 872,863
Excess (-shortfall)	-\$ 29,889

**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, February 13, at 4 PM for events taking place in March.** 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 to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.