



The Trinity Window

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

July 2016



Pastor's Corner

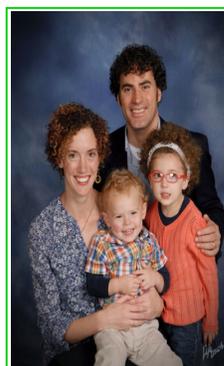
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

May I share my excitement with you? I am writing days after our 2016 Annual Conference in Roanoke and the morning after our 2016 Trinity Charge Conference. (Whew!) So why, you ask, am I so excited?

- As of the Fixing of the Appointments at Annual Conference I began my fourth year as your Pastor. Paradoxically, I am inclined to say both "time flies when you're having fun" but also "it's hard to remember a time when we weren't in ministry together!" Praise God! I want you to know how privileged I feel to be here with you. Thank you for being such a grace filled and faithful congregation.
- On July 3 we install the Rev. Drew Willson as Trinity's new Associate Pastor. Drew has a passionate love of Christ, a deep spirituality and an energy that is all his own. (Trust me on that one!) He will bring much to our ministry together.
- Annual Conference this year was what I might describe as "low key". It was a joyful celebration of the ministry of Bishop Young Jin Cho as he moves from ministry into retirement. There is also great anticipation as we await the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference (in July) and the assignment of our new Bishop. We wait. Yet the theme of our Annual Conference was "Thy will be done". There was great worship and depthful Bible study. Even in an era of great uncertainty I found it profoundly reassuring and energizing. We certainly serve God in interesting times.
- Last night at our Charge Conference we celebrated Trinity's ministries. This truly is a great church! Superintendent Pete Moon is challenging all of the churches of the Richmond District to seek discernment and answer three questions:
 1. What is God's vision for our church?
 2. How do we know?
 3. What then must we do?

These are not new questions for Trinity, but they are questions that faithful disciples must constantly be lifting up.

My sense is that we live in times that make our ministry of absolutely vital importance. Furthermore in the life of the Annual Conference, and in that of the General Church, the ministry of Trinity has never been more important. It is humbling to be here "for just such a time as this." (Esther 4:14) Therefore I invite you to join me in praying daily for the General Church and its unity; for Jurisdictional Conference, the election of Bishops; for the Virginia Conference and the assignment of our new Bishop; for Trinity that we may be bold and faithful in our mission and ministry; for me, for Drew, for Judy that we may serve you well; and finally for yourself, that you may hear, discern and act on God's call. Let's do it together. We live in interesting times... I'm excited.



Welcome Reception for Rev. Andrew B. Willson and Family

On Sunday, July 3 at 12:00 Noon we will have a reception to welcome Rev. Willson along with his family in the Welcome Center.



Trinity Adult Ministries



Wednesday Walkers

Join us each **Wednesday** at **3:30 PM** to walk around Trinity's beautiful neighborhood. We have developed a 2 mile loop that takes us about an hour to walk. We would love to have you join us!



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Bowing to public demand, we will not break for the summer as previously announced. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, July 12** from **6:30-8 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!

Summer Forum



Outreach Summer Forum

In July 2015, the Henrico County Police Department initiated their Faith Community Coalition meetings. These meetings have been designed to discuss public safety, but also the meetings were developed to start the steps for building relationships in our communities. On **Sunday, July 31**, please join us for a presentation about Fair and Impartial Policing Training. Program starts at **9:30 AM** in **Trinity Hall**. All adult Sunday school classes are invited to attend and to supply morning snack items as the church will provide coffee and tea. We look forward to having you with us.

Trinity Moms and More

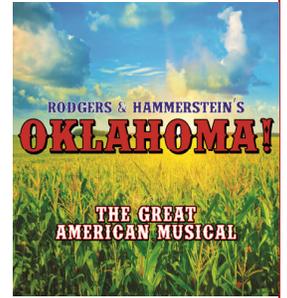
Moms and More is a great way to connect to Trinity! Moms and More is a group that provides support and fellowship for mothers and caregivers in all stages of parenthood. During the summer we will meet on **Tuesday, July 19** and **Tuesday, August 9**, from **9:15 – 11:15 AM**. We hope you will join us! 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).

Young at Heart

July and August Events

On **July 27** Young at Heart will meet to watch the highly acclaimed movie "War Room" in **Trinity Hall**. Come join us at **2 PM**; we will conclude at 4:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. Come and bring a friend!

On **August 24** Young at Heart will take to the road to see "Oklahoma!" at the Riverside Center in Fredericksburg. Lunch, tax, gratuity and the play is \$60 per person. We will leave Trinity around 10 AM and return around 6 PM. Registration will take place on Sunday, July 31 and August 7 in Connection Alley at church, or anytime with Judy Oguich.



JourneyGroup Leaders' Meeting

Our JourneyGroup leaders will meet **Saturday, July 16** at **9:30 AM** in the **Mastin Room**. We hope each JourneyGroup will send a representative to this meeting.

Gayton Terrace Celebration

We will be going to Gayton Terrace on **Tuesday, July 26** at **3:30 PM** to visit with Trinity's members. Please join us in the Bistro at Gayton Terrace for fellowship, light refreshments, and worship. Our members as well as other residents are so appreciative of the visits. For more information or to volunteer contact Susie Hildebrand at 740-7490 or shildebrand@verizon.net.



PINNACLE!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have postponed Pinnacle. For more info email Jay Johnson at jasonlj401@gmail.com.



Faith Night at the Diamond

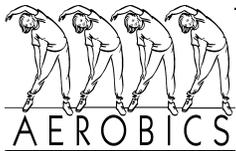
Come join Trinity's God's Men and your Trinity family for a Flying Squirrels baseball game! Come cheer on the Squirrels on **Thursday, August 11**, gates open at 5:30 PM with the game starting at 7:05 PM. General admission tickets are **\$5.50**, sign up at Trinityumc.net under Events. **Deadline to sign up is July 24**. Tickets will be picked up from Kim Tingler in the church office or before the game at the Diamond. For more information go to the webpage or call Kim Tingler at 288-6056. There will be fireworks after the game!



Food Truck Night @ Trinity

Looking for some excitement? Come enjoy fellowship with the Trinity Family on **Wednesday, July 13** as we host a Food Truck Court. Bring friends and family to taste some of the finest food trucks Richmond has to offer. There will be 7 different trucks with a variety of cuisine to try. The trucks will be at Trinity from **5:30-8:30 PM**. Come get some good food and sit and listen to the band or let the kids play in the bounce house, there will be something for everyone!

Come meet Nutzy and get your picture taken with him on Wednesday, July 13! While you are here sign up to go cheer on the Flying Squirrels!



Aerobics & Yoga

AEROBICS Aerobics in Trinity Hall is offered every Tuesday at 10:15 & Thursday at 10:30 AM. This gentle, low-impact aerobics class is suitable for both beginners and seniors. It includes 30 minutes of safe movements designed to build cardiovascular strength, and 25 minutes of exercises to tone, strengthen and stretch the muscles while sitting in chairs. For more information call Candace at 475-1084. Mixed-level Yoga is offered every Thursday morning from 8:30-10 AM in Room 321. Practicing yoga helps improve strength, flexibility, balance and posture. Yoga also helps reduce stress while bringing awareness to the breath. Chair Yoga is offered every Monday and Wednesday at 3 PM in Eaton Hall. This class is practiced while sitting in a chair and standing. The class includes breath work, gentle stretches & range-of-motion movements of the joints, and standing poses to improve balance and muscular strength. For more information contact Toni Halstead at 512-5291 or yogamom52@att.net.



Mission Foot Print 5K

The sixth annual Mission Foot Print 5K will take place on **Saturday, September 10**. This event is being coordinated with River Road Church, Baptist, and Third Church. The Kids Fun run/walk will start at 7:30 AM followed by the 5K at 8:00 AM. The cost will be \$5.00 for the Kids Fun run/walk, \$25.00 per individual for the 5K run/walk, \$60.00 per family for the 5K run/walk, and the cost for the 5K will jump to \$30.00 per individual starting Tuesday, September 6. Details for on-line registration are forthcoming. If you would like to volunteer, commit as a corporate sponsor, or be a part of the 5K committee, contact Bill Pike or Shelia Norfleet.



Trinity Foundation Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Trinity Foundation Scholarships. The Foundation awarded six scholarships of \$1,500 each to Emily Case to study at Mississippi State University, Charles Given to study at Virginia Tech, Garrett Oguich to study at Pfeiffer University, Jack Schmitt to study at James Madison University, Gracie Smith to study at Virginia Tech and Eliza Sofinski to study at the University of Virginia. The Foundation is grateful for funds that were donated in memory of David C. Ekey, L. E. Galaspie, William G. McClure, Alysia Burton Basmajian and Stuart Graham which make these scholarships possible. Best of luck to these outstanding young people as they continue their education.

Virginia Tornado Recovery

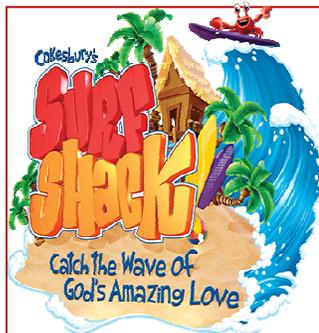
Trinity has donated over \$3,300 to the Virginia Conference's tornado recovery effort in Virginia. An additional \$637 was raised at the May 25 church picnic. Trinity will be putting a team together in the near future to assist with the tornado recovery effort.

Children At Trinity



9:30 AM Summer Sunday School for N4 – 5th

We have enjoyed four Dr. Seuss books in the *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss Sunday School Series*. We are looking forward to much more! We have found inspirational messages hidden in the colorful illustrations and rhyming words that remind us of the teachings of the Bible. We will be amazingly successful **with your support**. Sign up to help at <http://bit.ly/DrSeuss930SummerSS>. Questions – contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net.
“If you never did you should. These things are fun, and fun is good.” Dr. Seuss



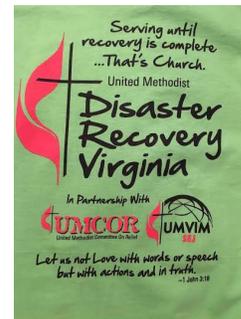
Vacation Bible School 2016 9 AM – Noon, July 11 – 15

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! **Have you signed up your kids and to help?** Surf Shack is a place for kids (N3 – 5th grade) to have fun and provides a strong biblical foundation for faith development in children. Register now! <http://bit.ly/TrinitySurfShackVBS>
Our Directors are **Erin Cundiff**, thecundiff4@gmail.com, 301-7386, and **Sara Winterhoff**, 357-4949, baw120575@hotmail.com. For more information contact **Leila Denton** at ldenton@trinityumc.net or 288-6057 ext. 208.

Summer Mission Kids July 21 - Supporting the Tornado Relief Effort

The Virginia United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) is starting the long term recovery disaster relief effort to address the devastation left behind after the tornados hit Waverly, Appomattox and Tappahannock in February of this year.

So what can the children do to help? Join us to help!! We have confirmed **July 21 as a Day of Mission** for kids and parents interested in making & delivering lunch in Waverly and learning more about the VA Conference Tornado Relief Effort. We will gather at 9 am to make lunches and then we will travel to Waverly. Mark your calendar for July 21 and look for more information for an August Day of Mission. Contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net if interested or for more information.



Serve Opportunities



Shalom Farms

Trinity Volunteers will be heading to Shalom Farms in Western Goochland County on **Saturday, July 16**. We will meet in the Stuart Hall Parking lot at 8 AM and return around 12:30 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for those of all ages who love the outdoors to help with Shalom's mission of raising and providing produce to families who do not have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Contact Teresa Given at tdagiven@gmail.com for more information or to sign up to attend.

Phones needed

Please donate your old cell phones (*with chargers, without service contracts, and with personal information removed*) to the YWCA's Women's Advocacy Program to be given to survivors of abuse to call 911. Bring them to Missions Central, the room down the hall from the church office toward the sanctuary, and leave them in the designated receptacle there. This is a great way to recycle and could save someone's life! If you have questions contact Anne Burch at 270-1661.

Apple Angel Tree

Trinity's Apple Angel Tree has re-appeared outside of Judy Oguich's office. Each "apple" lists school supply requests from a classroom teacher at Oak Grove Bellemeade Elementary School, Trinity's Micah Initiative partner school in South Richmond. Since 2004 Trinity has partnered with Oak Grove and helped provide volunteers, school supplies, summer camp experiences, and much more for an underserved population of school children. Directions: simply remove your "apple," purchase the requested supplies, place items in a brown paper bag with handles (staple your "apple" to the bag) and return to tables at the rear of Trinity Hall by Sunday, August 21. On behalf of the 650 students at our school, we thank you for helping.

Refugee Resettlement

Since 1998 Trinity members have provided household items for refugee families resettling in Richmond. Church World Service Casework Kika Husejnovic 972-1361 is located near the corner of Parham & Broad at 3314 N. Parham Road, 23294 at (enter driving south on Parham). The week of June 13 brought a nine-member Syrian family. Kika reports the on-going need for bedding, furniture, cooking and kitchen supplies, and clothing. Please contact her if you can help. She has a PODS unit at the rear of her parking lot. Mary Hetzel



Joys and Concerns

Births

Amelia Lynn Bowie and Andrew William Bowie born on May 11 to Jaime and Todd Bowie. Their great-grandmother is Phyllis Whitaker.

Baptism

Alexis Lyons

New Members

Barry Lyons, Alexis Lyons

Wedding

*Congratulations to the following couple who were recently married:
Jenny Walsh and Evan Lankford who were married on June 25*

Our sympathies to...

*Carole Dishman whose sister Anne Begun died May 29
The family of Ella Ruth Blanton who died May 25
Chris Cottrell, III whose mother Anne Marie Cottrell died May 23
Carol Ward whose mother Tennie Reid died May 16.*

End of Year Picnic

A special thanks to everyone who came to our end of the year Wednesday Night Picnic. Our Good Lord gave us great weather, we had over 200 in attendance, and the Jon Nielsen Trio provided some nice jazz. We appreciate the work done by the Trinity staff in preparation for this event, and all of the food prep from Kelly Kindle and her crew. Thanks to our grill providers, Gray Booker and Ken Hart, our grilling team of Dave and Gail Clelland, BJ Grose-close, and Rick Weisensale, and everyone who pitched in afterward with the cleanup. Finally, through your generosity over \$500 was collected for the UVMIM Virginia tornado relief efforts.



Pictorial Directories

Have you picked up your new 2016 church pictorial directory? If not, come by Judy Oguich's office.



Thank You Notes

Thanks for the support of Trinity's staff and congregation during the past months of my son Reid's illness and death. Visits, cards, prayers, memorial gifts, all expressions of a caring church family, are greatly appreciated.

Tim and Andy Goodman

Dear Trinity Family,

I gratefully thank you for all your love and concern as expressed by your cards, notes, visits, flowers, and other acts of kindness during my illness. It means a lot to be a part of such a caring congregation.

Margie Browder

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.

Blood Drive

Our summer drive is Sunday, July 10 from 8 AM – 12:30 PM. Let's demonstrate the "Trinity spirit of saving lives," as we show up to donate. A special new feature is a delicious, protein-rich croissant breakfast, prepared by our own Ronnie Johnson, with your choice of egg, sausage, or bacon, at a minimal cost of \$2, while supplies last. To register for your appointment, contact Mary Hetzel at hetzelmary@comcast.net or 282-5872 or on-line at www.vadonor.org. VBS technicians arrive at Trinity based on confirmed appointments. Mark your calendar for our fall drive Sunday, October 9.

Judy Niedermayer is Retiring!

Many Trinity members cannot recall the time when Judy Niedermayer was not the financial secretary. Since 1985, from her sunny, corner office, Judy has overseen all aspects of Trinity's financial life. She began her tenure as an employee with an accounting temporary agency, and within several months, was hired by the church. At the time, Dr. Doug Dillard was the senior pastor, Bill McClure was Staff Parish Chair, and Carl Robinson chaired the Finance Committee. Judy said that her biggest challenge has been the annual Stewardship campaign, as the mailings, pledge cards, phone calls, and data from committee members must be accurate and timely. "I must remain very focused," she explained. Her greatest joy has been working with the people of the church. She has found members to be helpful, enjoyed meeting new people and enjoyed friendly correspondence from many. The interesting people she has encountered along the way shared many engaging and entertaining stories. One of Judy's favorites with whom to chat was Ben Price, a former associate minister and father of Pat Ruscus. "I love history, and he loved to talk about the Civil War with me. Another great storyteller was Vernon Collier, who told great stories of being a railroad employee," Judy shared. As every aspect of her job is date sensitive, such as checks going out, payroll, and accounting for the Sunday offering, Judy has never been able to take a vacation day on a Monday. Last year, she took her first, full one week vacation in thirty years!

Judy will be retiring as the Financial secretary in the near future. Her departure date will depend on the timing of a new hire for her position. In her retirement, she would love to travel, but has no major plans at this time. She will continue with the church in a part time capacity to help the new secretary transition to the big job. Congratulations to Judy on her thirty-one year tenure and best wishes for the next phase of her life.



Judy Niedermayer



TRINITY'S STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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

- Larry Lenow, Pastor - 204
(e-mail address: llenow@trinityumc.net)
- Drew Willson, Associate Pastor - 205
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- Bill Pike, Director of Operations - 211
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- Jody McWilliams, Minister of Visitation
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- Judy Oguich, Minister of Adult Ministries - 206
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- Leila Denton, Director of Children's Ministries - 208
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- Charles Staples, Director of Music Ministries - 209
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- Judy Niedermayer, Financial Secretary - 203
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- Kim Tingler, Membership/Publication Secretary - 202
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- The Kitchen - 215
- Trinity Pre-School 288-6058
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- Office Fax # 282-3368



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

- In memory of **Mrs. Barbara Eicher** to **Trinity UMC Music Fund**
- In memory of **Mrs. Carolyn Aldredge** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**
- In memory of **Mr. John Ingram** to **Trinity United Methodist Church**
- In memory of **Dr. Eugene Woolridge** to **Trinity Foundation – Moore Christian Prison Ministry**
- In memory of **Mr. Charles Hall** to **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**
- In memory of **Mrs. Ella Ruth Blanton** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**
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- In memory of **Mrs. Ella Ruth Blanton** to **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**

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	6/5	6/12	6/19	6/26
Worship Service	504	494	377	339
Sunday School	327	294	205	

Our Gifts as of May 31:

Projected income to date:	\$1,515,170
Actual income year to date:	<u>\$1,469,591</u>
Excess (-shortfall)	-\$ 45,579



Staff Anniversary

This month we would like to congratulate the following clergy and staff members on their anniversaries.

- Paula Cadden - 21 years as Office Administrator
- Bobby McShaw - 6 years as Night Custodian
- Larry Lenow - 3 year as Senior Pastor

Please take a moment to express your appreciation to these folks for their faithful devotion to Trinity. Continue to pray for each of them and all our staff as they serve this congregation.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, July 18, at 4 PM for events taking place in August.** Articles may be submitted prior to the deadline, and we encourage early submissions. Articles must be submitted in writing with the contact person's name and phone number to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.