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Trinity Women

Open Spaces, Sacred Places: A Creation Care Marketplace

Tuesday, May 2, at 6 pm in Trinity Hall

Guest Speaker: Bob Argabright

An evening to celebrate life, faith, community, and the Earth

Bring a dish to share at the 6 pm Covered Dish Dinner. Everyone is invited and families are welcome. **Doors open at 5:30 pm** so come early to browse the displays of *Groundworks RVA, Creation Care Committee, Boy Scouts Troop 799, and Shalom Farms*. Learn more about programs that teach others how to enhance and utilize the spaces we inhabit and how to be good stewards. Visit displays and understand how you can be involved to our community and interact with others as they share their stories.



Bob Argabright, Trinity member and community leader/volunteer, will be our guest speaker. After retiring from the Chesapeake Corporation & Packing Corp. of America in 2004, Bob began his second career as a tireless advocate for the students, parents, and faculty of Oak Grove Bellemeade Elementary School in Richmond. In addition to recruiting many partners to bring resources to the school and community, he has mentored students, recruited volunteers, organized supply drives, and raised funds to help the community. By providing bikes and helmets, he has promoted a walking and biking initiative for the students. Creating an outdoor learning environment at the school is another special project. The recipient of six distinguished awards, including through a Virginia House of Delegates Joint resolution commending him for his service to students of the City of Richmond and as one of four recipients of the "Live Your Dash" award from the Full Grief Circle Center. His passion is for leveling the playing field for the children he serves.



Trinity United Methodist Women

For more information about the UMW, contact Mary Hetzel at 282-5872 or hetzelmary@comcast.net.

You can also visit: www.trinityumc.net/umw

Circle News

Circle 1

In March, Bryce Miller, our Youth Director, was our guest speaker, and we enjoyed learning more about youth activities and his vision for the program. We assembled 30 health and school kits for UMCOR. In April, we toured Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and had lunch. We will conclude our year with a brunch at Carol Crowder's home.

Circle 4

On May 23, we will take dinner to a Crossover training meeting. At our April meeting Carolyn Snead talked about her experience as a kidney donor for her husband.

Circle 5

Circle 5 will have a salad supper to wrap up the year.

Circle 10

Members stuffed over 500 eggs for Trinity's Easter egg hunt. Kika Husejonivc spoke about Church World Services and we donated \$390. On Service Day, we cleaned windows in the Welcome Center and vacuumed and dusted behind the pew cushions. Our May dinner will be held at Jan Booker's home. On August 22, we will lunch at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens.

Treasurer Tidbits

To date, we have received \$4,386 in UMW pledges, toward our 2017 budget goal of \$5,400. And so we still encourage all Trinity UMW women to submit their contributions. You can mail a check to me or leave it in my mailbox at the church office.



We are striving to reach our financial goal, in order to carry out our mission projects for 2017.

Shari Adams, UMW Treasurer

Special Mission Recognition

It's time once again to submit nominees for the Special Mission Recognition. Please take a moment to look at your Circle and UMW friends and remember all of the wonderful things they do to bless our church family with Christian service. You need not write a formal letter. Notes and bullet points are most acceptable. Notes of recommendation need to be emailed or mailed to Stacy Campbell at stacy.campbell20@verizon.net by May 31.



Spring Service Day

Many thanks for the many, many helping hands that made Spring Service Day possible. Holy Week was even more special as we worked together to spread our love both inside the walls of our church and beyond. Please offer me feedback on how the projects went for you and how they were received. Special thanks to Team Leaders who by organizing projects invited others to get involved. We especially appreciate the fine suggestions that Bill Pike made about Trinity projects. Plans are already underway for our Advent Service Day on Tuesday, December 12, and solicit your new ideas and participation. It's up to us to reach out to invite younger Trinity members.

Mary M. Hetzel

Gifts in Memory

A gift to the UMW National Mission Institutions was given in memory of Ada Bivins (Circle 3) and Pam Rutledge (Circle 11). Each of their families received a card notifying them of this donation in their loved ones' memory.



Thank You!

Our deepest thanks for your \$250 check. We promise not to waste a single penny! MESI UNPIL! (It is a blessing) Peace and Love from Haiti! - Ray Ford

Thank you so much for your support of Friends of Barnabas! Our mission is to improve the lives of impoverished children in Honduras by providing high quality, sustainable medical care and enabling communities to become self-sufficient through community health training and education. Thank you for your gift of \$250 that we received for the Trinity 2018 Team. They will bring quality care to children and families who might not see a doctor or nurse, otherwise. They will also identify children with special needs who our staff will follow up with in the weeks following the team's visit. As the Trinity 2018 Team prepares to leave, sign up for our e-journals so that you can follow their journey. Go to www.fobf.org and click the green sign-up button near the bottom left of the home page. Thank you for your support of the team and for helping make the world a little better, one child at a time. - Erin Caldwell

Please express deep gratitude to the Trinity UMW for your thoughtfulness towards CrossOver. We have a staff meeting where all 40 of the recipients will be present and I will pass out the remembrances at that time. I was especially touched that you all are reaching out to every one of the staff at both clinics. I am most appreciative!

- Andrea Berger, West End Clinic Manager

Service Day was especially meaningful for Mary Townes, Principal at Oak Grove, when we arrived with special SOL Rally Day treats for the 300 students in grades 3-5. The hand-decorated inserts, created by Halima Abdulkadir, were packed along with Rice Krispy treats, goldfish, and fruit snacks. A big thank you to all the willing hands that gave this project wings. - Mary M. Hetzel



Micah Initiative

Sign up to attend the **Micah Association Luncheon on Thursday, May 11, from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm** at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (1214 Wilmer Ave., 23227, off Rt. 1 near I-95). Our focus will be J.E.B. Stuart Elementary School with remarks by Principal Jennifer Moore and music by the Stuart Stars. Kelly Kindle is preparing a selection of box lunches or a garden salad, cost \$10, payable at the door. Micah volunteers serve at each of the RPS Elementary Schools. Since 2004, Trinity has partnered with Oak Grove Elementary in South Richmond. To sign up, please contact Mary Hetzel at 282-5872(h) or hetzelmary@comcast.net.

Breakfast Bag Assembly

Join us on **Wednesday, May 3, at 3:30 pm in the Mastin Room** to help assemble Grab & Go Breakfast Bags for our 125 hardworking teachers, counselors, office staff, custodians, cafeteria workers & monitors, and bus drivers at Oak Grove Elementary School. In honor of their tireless work, we're recognizing them during Teacher Appreciation Week. We will serve breakfast to them at 8 am on May 4: homemade blueberry muffins, clementines, bananas, granola bars, hardboiled eggs, and a bottle of Tropicana orange juice. Interested in helping us? Please call Mary Hetzel at 282-5872(h).

Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond (ICGR) News



***RVA Faith and Friends Gathering:** Many voices, one whole community -- let us break bread together as neighbors on **Sunday, April 30, from 2-5 pm** at Byrd Park Roundhouse (600 Swan Lake Dr., 23221). This is a giant community potluck picnic. Please label food out of respect for dietary considerations. There will be interactive musical opportunities so bring your own drum, guitar, etc. The purpose is to promote fellowship, understanding, respect, and cooperation among Richmond's diverse residents and recent arrivals to our community. RSVP to InterfaithRVA@gmail.com.

***Annual Dinner & Board Elections** on Thursday, May 18, from 6-8 pm at Unity Richmond (800 Blanton Ave.).

***ICGR Call for Volunteers:** Your ICGR organization, with its 86-year legacy of community involvement, is in need of volunteers to serve our community by serving on one or more of the following ICGR committees: Programs (Brotherhood/Sisterhood Youth Awards, Clergy Breakfast, RVA Peace Festival, Discovering Many Faiths), Membership & Affiliates, Finance, Public Relations, Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws, Educational Outreach, and Hospitality. To volunteer, contact Stuart Scott at stuart-99@comcast.net.

Hermitage News

During the March Country Store Sale a profit of \$2,865 was made. Donations to The Hermitage benefit many organizations. If the Country Store is not able to sell merchandise it might go to the Samaritan Thrift Ministries or to Boots for Suits, a program for soldiers returning to work. Clothing or household items might go to Eastern Henrico FISH, a service through area churches helping people in emergency situations (people who may have lost items in fires or other natural disasters). Blankets and other linens might go to CARITAS. Children's items and other clothing often benefits United Methodist Family Services. Think about all the many benefits your donations can make. On Service Day, several United Methodist Women helped residents send Easter cards to their loved ones.

Creative Hands Working to Provide Comfort to Many!

On UMW Spring Service Day, the Trinity Stitchers cut -out school tote bags and baby slings. Some bags were sewn and others ready to be completed later. Items were prepared for delivery. We appreciate Charlotte Forrester, Janet Sommerville, Judy Oguich, and Gail Clelland making some deliveries for us.

We always have items to sort and organize as donations seem to constantly come our way. We are blessed with items that help us continue creating those one-of-a-kind items that bring great joy to others. When you are organizing and sorting at home, we welcome your donations of fabric and sewing notions: thread, bias tape, lace, ribbon, etc.

Gail Clelland created some beautiful Bible Cross Bookmarks for Pam Rutledge's 4th grade Sunday School class from materials we had on hand.



"I was honored to do this in honor and memory of their special teacher, Pam Rutledge, from Circle 11 and the Trinity Stitchers." - Gail Clelland
Pam Rutledge taught the 4th grade class for 30 years.

We create tote bags for UMCOR, baby slings for Honduras mission trip each year, special tote bags for individuals, pillows, baby blankets, knitted scarves and hats, plus provide sewing skills to other groups in the church that need assistance. We need others who enjoy knitting or crocheting to help create some prayer shawls. We have patterns available, and encourage you to consider helping in this ministry. We need help in sewing school kit bags. If you like to sew and want to participate, but can't get to our workdays, we can provide pre-cut bags and a pattern for you to sew at home.

This active group meets the **3rd Thursday of each month in Room 323 from 9 am-2:30/3 pm**. We encourage you to join us for whatever time you can. We bring our lunch and share a devotion and business related to the group's activities at that time. Even if you don't sew, we can use your hands to help with ironing, sorting, selecting fabrics or designing a quilt top. Once you attend one of our workdays, you will be looking forward to the next one to be engaged with women of great faith and creative energy. We hope to see you. We need YOU!

Janet Hill (Granhill4@aol.com or 741-4394)

A Week Under the Stars



"Making a Difference in a Child's Life" is something we try our best to do for our children and grandchildren. One of the truly outstanding experiences that Trinity

membership has afforded me is participating in All God's Children Camp. Imagine what life is like for a child affected by parental incarceration. Typically, he or she lives with extended family members or just one parent. AGCC Mentors, ages 17 and up, spend the week with one or two campers providing supervision, companionship, and compassion. Mentors agree to maintain contact with the child after camp is over. Mentors arrive by 9 am on Sunday, June 18, and depart after clean-up around 4 pm on Friday, June 23. A \$20 background check is the only mentor fee for the week.

Since 1998, Bishop Joe Pennell instituted the All God's Children's Camp as a part of the Virginia Conference Initiative on Children and Poverty. Imagine beginning the day with breakfast, Sunrise Worship, three activities, lunch, rest time, three more camp activities, dinner, evening activity, and devotions followed by bedtime. Camp fun includes swimming, nature, crafts, Bible study, boating, fishing, ropes course, and much more. The gift of your time can change the compass of a child's life. Last summer at Camp Overlook we hiked up to a waterfall and experienced a wildly fun Jr. Olympics including a mattress race and mud slide. Applications are on the clipboard outside Judy Oguich's office, on the VA Conference website, or contact Director Lori Smith at Clittleloris@gmail.com. Metro Richmond campers ages 7-11 will attend Camp Chanco on the James near Williamsburg. Trinity sends a mentor team each year so children can attend camp.

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Save the Date!

Mark these dates on your calendar!
This is the last UMW newsletter until September.

Blood Drive - July 9



We registered 33 donors (28 whole blood donors, 5 double red donors) and collected 35 units. We welcomed four brand new donors. A big thanks to Brenda Irby for bringing her popular home-baked bar cookies and to Chef Ronnie Johnson for the Breakfast Bistro featuring sausage and bacon egg sandwiches. If you have questions about your eligibility for our Summer VBS Drive on **Sunday, July 9**, please contact Melanie Mitchell at mmitchell@vablood.org. For Early Bird registration for an appointment from 8 am-12:30 pm, contact Mary Hetzel (hetzelmary@comcast.net or 282-5872) or register online at www.donateblood.vablood.org.

UMW Fall Kick Off September 12



Chaplain Lynn Litchfield of Grace Inside, a prison ministry based on the Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia, will open our UMW Year with a special talk during our opening "bring a salad luncheon" in Trinity Hall on **Tuesday, September 12**. Lynn's initial visit in January 2017 was cancelled due to snow, and she graciously agreed to reschedule for September.

Conference UMW Meeting October 28



Bishop Sharma Lewis will be the featured speaker at the Conference UMW Annual Meeting, hosted by Trinity's UMW, on **Saturday, October 28**. This all-day event will include breakout sessions in the morning, a special lunch prepared by Kelly Kindle, and the keynote sermon and a service of Holy Communion beginning at 4 pm.

65th

Harvest Day November 14

Trinity's UMW will celebrate our 65th Harvest Day with special speaker Carol Gill on **Tuesday, November 14**. Carol who grew up at Trinity and is traveling back to Richmond to share both her memories and her vision. Let's be sure to reach out to all who were foundational in getting Trinity church on the map!

A Call to Community, Count Me In! is the theme we hope will guide your participation in each of these events. We welcome your help and input!