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Trinity Women

Sacred Places in My Heart: "Finding God Where the Wild Things Are"



Tuesday, February 13
10:15 am, Mastin Room

Guest Speaker:
Ann Marie Blackmon

Ann Marie Blackmon and her family have been members of Trinity for about twelve years. They enjoy the 8:15 am worship service, teaching middle school Sunday school, participating in Youth Group and Upward.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Ann Marie share "Finding God Where the Wild Things Are" about her faith journey and how serving God by serving alongside youth has deepened her faith.

Mission Emphasis: Collecting toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, and paper napkins for Heart Havens.

Heart Havens provides group homes in neighborhoods across Virginia where adults with a developmental disability live as independently as possible while being supported by twenty-four-hour staff. The Methodist Conference recognizes this important ministry during February, which your paper or monetary donations will support.

Board Meeting at 9 am in the Mastin Room

Trinity United Methodist Women



For more information about the UMW, contact UMW President Sharon Wenger at 740-1004 or swenger66@gmail.com.

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



Circle 1

We will meet on Tuesday, February 20, at 9:30 am in the Mastin Room. We will have a light business meeting and assemble and prepare for delivery 30 health kits and 30 school kits. Also in February we will be providing dinner for Kids Club at Central UMC. Circle 1 proudly welcomes Betsy Rule as a new member!

Circle 4

At our January meeting we assembled 20 health kits and planned for the youth dinner we will prepare and serve next month.

Circle 5

We will meet on February 20 at 7 pm in the Mastin Room.

Circle 6

We will meet on Tuesday, February 6, at 10:30 am. It will be a business meeting and program on Missions in Moldova.

Circle 7

In January we went out to dinner to honor Mary Hetzel. We will meet on Thursday, February 22, at 7 pm in the Conference Room to write notes to Trinity's college students.

Treasurer Tidbits

Wow! Thanks to the generosity of the members of Trinity's UMW, in 2017 we donated \$13,755.22 to local, regional, and international ministries that focus on helping women, youth and children. This was an increase of nearly \$600 from the amount donated in 2016 and \$3,000 more than the amount donated in 2015. Let's prayerfully continue to make a huge difference in the lives of needy individuals in 2018!



The 2018 Pledge Year began in January. Completing the Pledging process in January, February or March really helps our UMW in allocating funds both for our own programs and for our giving. When you make a Pledge to Trinity's UMW, you know you are supporting ministries that benefit women, children and youth. Please turn in your check at your Circle meeting or leave in my Treasurer's mail slot in the Church Office. Checks are payable to TUMW with Pledge on the memo-line.

From the President

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial has a new look for this year. We are inviting several area churches who have no UMW to join us. Since we need a larger space, Call to Prayer will be held on March 13, 10:15 am in Trinity Hall. Rev. Christa Haga-Turner of Westhampton UMC will be the guest speaker. She will speak on "The Sacred Spaces of New Leaders". At 11 am there will be a covered dish brunch in Trinity Hall with the members of Trinity bringing a covered dish of their choice to share. We hope you will be there for a day of festivities, fun, feasting, and fellowship. We encourage all members of Trinity to attend, and perhaps you would like to bring a friend.

- Sharon Wenger, President TUMW

Gifts in Memory

A gift to the UMW National Mission Institutions was given in memory of Dot Howard (Circle 6) and Rev. Norman Chattin (husband of Bernice Chattin).

Their families will receive a card notifying them of this donation in their loved ones' memory.



Thank You!

In conjunction with Rev. Lynn Litchfield's presentation on Grace Inside: Chaplain Prison Support Service, you donated calendars and new all-purpose greeting cards. We mailed several large boxes of such generous donations following Service Day. Our gifts will touch lives both at the Fluvanna Correction Center for Women and others served by Grace Inside Chaplains.

- Nancy and Ron Switzer, Chaplain Service Prison Ministry, Effort Baptist Church

Thank you for your gift of greeting cards, stationery and calendars in support of our Christmas gift ministry for inmates at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Donations like yours are so important to the success of our ministry. Each Christmas, we distribute many types of greeting cards, stationery items and a kit of five hygiene items to about 1,300 very appreciative ladies. I can assure you these very practical gifts are received with deep gratitude. We appreciate your continued support of this important ministry and thank you for your generosity and service to the Lord.

- Ron Switzer, Gracelinside

I very much appreciate the honor of being your 'Man of the Year.' This was a very kind recognition for allowing me to be on the perimeter of your outstanding team. Hope 2018 is good for you and your families.

- Love, Bill Pike

Dear Circle 7 of Trinity UMW, "If you feed them, they will come." At the LARCUM Conference in December, we not only fed them with the presentations by our Bishops and worship, but also with the exceptional goodies at breakfast on Saturday. Thank you for your leadership in providing that and please thank all who took time to help.

- In Nomine Jesu, Pastor Eric Moehring, Christ Lutheran Church

Thank You!

Service Day 2017 was way over the top this year. Big and heartfelt thanks to each of you who helped prepare Brunswick Stew, lead projects, and all who participated. We accomplished 18 different projects and collected many donations. Sandy Taylor delivered the little pound cakes to the staff at the Children's Home on Brook Road where she volunteers. Annette Cappocelli helped with the delivery to UMFS. Karen Adams took candy cane mice and other donations to Sherbourne. Delivering the wrapped picture books and mini loaves to OGES was quite a pleasure. Delivery is really one of the best parts of Service Day. Big thanks to Andi Morgan for our special refreshments. Linda Robinson did an outstanding job presenting our 65th Harvest Day check. Rev. Drew soothed our souls with his guitar music and prayer. Louise Girvin was key in creating our flyer and organizing our donations, each of which went to its intended purpose. Service Day is my favorite UMW event of the year because we're all together using our 'busy hands' to give to others and remembering people who may not otherwise be remembered.

- Sincerely, Mary Hetzel

The Doorways sincerely appreciates your contribution of miscellaneous toiletries, cards and stickers. We welcome this donation which will help provide warm, safe and comfortable lodging for our guests and their families. These items are always a huge help to our guests when they run out of their own supplies.

Sojourner Truth Recap

We heard the amazing Sojourner Truth on Tuesday, January 9, in Trinity Hall, as portrayed by Evelyn Miles Allen. Famous as an abolitionist and supporter of Women's Rights, Sojourner Truth attended the 1851 Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio, where she proclaimed in her classic expression of women's rights, "Ain't I a Woman?". Born into slavery in New York in 1797, Evelyn was freed in 1827 under New York's Anti-Slavery law. In costume as Sojourner Truth and speaking in dialect, Evelyn invited us to join her in a time travel to hear her heart-felt speech on topics of gender equity and inter-racial cooperation which remain among the most urgent issues of our country today. We proudly hosted members of Evelyn's church. Connections were made along with invitations to the Stitchers. We hope to see friends from this predominantly African American Church in Eastern Henrico join us as Sisters in Christ at our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program in March as well. Let us continue to pray for racial reconciliation, gender equity, and unity with our sisters worldwide. We're grateful to Carol Wampler and Nancy Lott for bringing us this unforgettable program.



Special Mission Recognition

The Special Mission Recognition is accepting nominees for the 2018 award. Please take a minute and submit a letter on behalf of a friend or fellow Circle member who has served in the UMW and in activities throughout Trinity. These letters need not be formal, a list will do, and can be emailed to stacybcampbell@gmail.com.



Box Tops for Education Update

Thank you for your continuing support for the church's box tops for education campaign. This year our recipient is Tuckahoe Middle School. In the last few years we have donated:

2016 UMFS Charterhouse School: 1,039 box tops or \$103.90

2017 Oak Grove Bellmeade: 1,268 box tops or \$126.80

This may seem minimal in amount but each school can collect as much as the maximum of \$20,000 for their unbudgeted operational needs if we step up our campaign to help them with our share of box tops for education. It is easy to do. You only have to be conscientious about cutting them from the products that offer them and then drop them at the designated box in Mission Central at Trinity. Can we count on you to help the designated school this year?



Trinity Stitchers: Creative Hands Working to Provide Comfort to Many!

This active group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month in Room 323 from 9 am to 3 pm. We encourage you to join us for whatever time you can. We bring our lunch; 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 work days you will be looking forward to the next one to be engaged with women of great faith and creative energy. We need YOU! The group creates lap quilts, prayer shawls, tote bags for UMCOR, baby slings for Honduras, special tote bags for individuals, pillows, baby blankets, knitted scarves, hats, slippers and walker bags. In the past six months we delivered over 30 items to individuals in our church and community. We recently donated some items to the Doorways program (providing comfort to those away from home receiving medical treatment). We need others who enjoy knitting or crocheting to share your talent. Help is also needed to sew school kit bags. If you want to help, but can't get to our workdays, we can provide pre-cut bags and a pattern for you to sew at home. Contact: Janet Hill (Granhill4@aol.com or 741-4394)



During October and November many of you helped create spool ornaments from the kits we created using various items in our inventory. We shared 50 of these with the English as Second Language program at Oakgrove Bellmeade. Thanks for taking time to create something for others.



Micah Initiative

The winter Micah Association Luncheon Meeting will be Thursday, February 8, at the Weinstein JCC (5403 Monument Ave.) at 12 noon. Our speakers' focus on the topic of Educational Equity include Carrie Coyner, innovative member of the Chesterfield School Board; Rose Marie Germanis, President and CEO of CIS of Petersburg; and Robin Jackson, Key Coordinator of the Richmond Jewish Coalition volunteers at Swansboro Elementary. DeFazio's catering offers you a \$10 garden salad or box lunch (by cash or check payable to Micah Association, memo-line JCC Lunch). Doors open at 11:30 am for Meet & Greet. Register online or by e-mail at micah@richmondhillva.org by February 1. To get involved at Oak Grove Elementary, Trinity's Micah partner, please contact Bob Argabright (310-1080) or Mary Hetzel (282-5872).

Welcoming Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award Winners to Trinity



On Thursday, February 15, at 7:00 pm, winners from fifty area high schools, plus their families, will gather in Trinity's sanctuary for the 51st Annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Youth Awards. These students are being honored by the Interfaith Community of Greater Richmond (ICGR) for their outstanding accomplishments in fostering better understanding and cooperation among diverse communities. Trinity's UMW has long supported this program, and the UMW is proud that our staff granted ICGR use of Trinity's facilities.

Everyone is welcome to attend the awards program. It is free and open to the public. Although use of Trinity's facility does not obligate volunteers from our church, this event could be an opportunity to reach scores of people from across the Richmond metro area with Trinity's welcoming love and support. UMW members have already volunteered to assist the students and ICGR representatives from the time the students arrive for pre-event sessions on the afternoon of February 15, through the awards ceremony that evening. Would you like to help? If so, please just show up around 1:30 pm to help students get from our parking lots to the reception desk/main-office area for registration, between 5:45-7:00 pm to help attendees get from our parking lots to the Welcome Center for the 6:00 pm reception, or directly to the sanctuary for the 7:00 awards program. You may want to wear your Trinity nametag. Questions? Please contact Jo Lewis (jolewis49@yahoo.com).

Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen?

Not at the United Methodist Family Services! Many students attend the classes at the culinary arts school and enjoy the many duties there. Lessons include interpretation of recipes, food preparation, sanitation practices, catering service. The students have catered lunches and a formal English Tea and enjoy developing menus. The students also prepare for the ServSafe certification test which has helped students to secure jobs. Students also go on to the culinary program at Reynolds. This program provides life skills "one dish at a time."



Doorways

Since 1984, Doorways ministry has provided lodging and support for referred patients and families who need to be close to MCV but not far from the feeling of "home." Multiple opportunities exist to prepare and serve meals, provide linens, cleaning supplies, paper products, and friendship. Watch for the new donation bin for hotel type toiletries in Mission Central. For more information about how to volunteer at Doorways, contact Tom or Pam Rockhold (747-1523) or Annie Fruhwald (afruhwald@thedorways.org, 828-6901 x102).

Pinnacle Living News

Hidden Treasures, formerly known as The Country Store at Hermitage-Richmond, will be open again on February 23 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Your donations are greatly appreciated but please be sure they are items we can sell. Clothing, jewelry, toys, and household items should be in good condition and not missing parts. If in doubt, call Marble Jones (740-8002) or Nancy Miller (740-3772).

Trinity members work to support the ministry of the Hermitage Home, now called Pinnacle Living at the Hermitage. In addition to visitation, clothing donations, and items for the Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale, we participate in the August Coffees held the second Tuesday in the Solarium on the 3rd Floor. Trinity's Circles rotate every four years. Circle 1, 7, and 9 are on duty August 14, and Circle 10 will provide the August 2019 Coffee. To-do list: Send at least five-eight volunteers to arrive at 9:15 equipped with 100 bags of cookies, brownies, rice krispy treats, or cheese straws (2-4 per zip lock bag), three cakes (including pound cake, any un-iced cake and one Angel Food cake), and two half-gallons of lemonade. Residents enjoy purchasing the cookie bags and visiting with the volunteers while sipping lemonade and eating cake. Paper products, coffee, and water are provided. Ann Via (314-5335) is the Trinity organizer who will remind Circles of their duties. Mary Deal (741-1865) organizes the monthly coffees and is the overall contact person.

Blood Drive

Trinity members came in droves to donate blood on Sunday, January 14. We registered 52 donors, of those 42 were qualified to donate. We provided 34 whole blood donations, 6 platelets, and two double red cells for a total of 42 blood products. We saved 126 lives. Ronnie Johnson outdid himself with the Breakfast Bistro selection of breakfast sandwiches: egg, cheese, and bacon varieties. We welcomed 7 new donors. Our next drive is Sunday, April 8. Kathy Barksdale will be organizing the future drives. We already have 20 appointments scheduled for April 8. A new Sign Up Genius will offer reminder messages. Please pray for the people who received our blood donations, especially the cancer patients, so much in need of the platelets. We are grateful to the skilled VBS technicians and to everyone who generously gave their time while rolling up their sleeves to help SAVE LIVES. The new Sign Up Genius will offer a link to VBS so donors can better prepare by following hydration and other guidelines. Hooray, Trinity! This was one of our best ever drives!



Trinity UMW Budget for 2018

Approved January 8, 2018

	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Income from Pledges	6,000.00
Funds from Harvest Day lunch proceeds not needed for Harvest Day expenses	275.00
Total Funds Available to be Spent	6,275.00
District Payments	
Administration & Member Development	650.00
Candle Burning	100.00
Gift in Memory Cards	100.00
Gift to Mission Cards	5.00
Pledge to Missions	3,500.00
World Thank Offering	25.00
Special Mission Recognition Pins	120.00
Total	4,500.00
Local Mission Donations	
Church Women United	60.00
Covenant Fund, Covenant Woods	60.00
Hermitage Samaritan Fund	60.00
Interfaith Council	60.00
UMFS Women's Auxiliary	80.00
Birthday luncheon	35.00
Total	355.00
Administrative Expenses	
Babysitting	125.00
Books and Videos	70.00
Literature (forms)	50.00
Call to Prayer & May Bqt Exp	150.00
Service Days in April and December, not including Hermitage Angel Bags costs, net of stew and rolls proceeds	100.00
Hermitage Angel Bags - December Service Day project	125.00
Speaker Honorariums	500.00
Staff Recognition Gifts	175.00
Sunshine Committee Costs (cards and postage) & other postage	125.00
Total	1,420.00
Grand Total Expenses	6,275.00
Net Over/(Under)	-