



United Methodist Women
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Trinity Women



Service Day

Tuesday, April 10
10:00 am-12:00 pm
in the Mastin Room

Our Busy Hands Spring Service Day is filled with various projects for local missions and focusing on things within the walls of our church. Mark your calendar to join us that morning as we give of ourselves to others.

See page 4 for a full list of projects.

**Everyone invited to attend
and scatter joy to others!**

Board meeting at 9:00 am in the Mastin Room

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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
News**

Circle 1

We welcomed two new members in February, Laura English and Karen Williams. On Friday, April 27, we will visit historic Blandford Church in Petersburg and have lunch at the Blue Willow Tea Room.

Circle 4

Chris Wageck, a member of the Trinity Stitchers, was our speaker. She showed us the many projects their group designs and makes that are given to members of our congregation and throughout our community. Our next meeting will be April 5.

Circle 5

We welcomed two new members in February, Teresa Cross and Kimberly Fricke.

Circle 6

We will come together in April for Service Day and will each bring a batch of cookies and our assigned kit supplies to assemble UMCOR health and school kits.

Circle 7

We will meet on Monday, April 16, at 7 pm in the Conference Room.

Circle 10

At our March meeting, 20 members heard a great presentation about UMFS and we collected \$155 as a donation. On April 5, we will be at Carol Ward's to hear Teresa McRoberts speak on the Jubilee Project.

Treasurer Tidbits

Thank you for the generosity of those who attended the Call to Prayer and Self Denial service on Tuesday, March 13. An offering of \$1,756 was collected.



\$740 has been donated to UMW in memory of Genevieve Collier. If you have an idea for how this money can best be used to honor her life, please contact a UMW Officer.

- Shari Adams, UMW Treasurer

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.

Gifts to Mission

A gift to the UMW National Mission Institutions was given in memory of Jean Caldwell (Circle 9) and Jake Stanley (son of Karen Stanley, Circle 10). Each of their families received a card notifying them of this donation in their loved ones' memory.



A thinking of you gift was sent to the UMW National Mission Institutions in honor of Julia and Bob Sessions.

Circle 1 Visits St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Thank You!

Thank you so much for the pleasure of being your guest speaker at the Trinity's UMW Celebration last week. It was a joy to be with you and to celebrate the support and leadership of women around the world. Thank you for the generous card and honorarium. What a lovely surprise. Thank you also for including our WUMC Ladies in the celebration as well.

- Christy Haga Turner

Dear UMW Officers and Members:

At the request of Chairman Bill Eubank and on behalf of Trinity's Board of Trustees, I am writing to thank the UMW for its generous gift of \$5,272 for improvements to our church building. With assistance from Bill Pike, we are looking into how best to use these funds. The UMW's vital role in the life and mission of Trinity is much appreciated.

- Carol Wampler

Dear Trinity United Methodist Women, My family and I were touched by your tender expression of sympathy. Evelyn (Neidermayer) brought joy to many and enjoyed her service at Trinity. We appreciate your thoughtful donation to the mission work of the United Methodist Church. Thank you for your support and caring. Please keep memories of Evelyn in your hearts.

- Sue Miller

Mom was blessed with so many friends at Trinity. She was also blessed with opportunities to share her faith through her mission work with UMW. Hope you know how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Thank you,
The Family of Genevieve Collier

Box Tops for Education Update

Thank you for your continuing support for the church's box tops for education campaign. This year the recipient is Tuckahoe Middle School. Since we started monitoring the number of box tops donated to the schools in late 2016, we have donated the following:

2016 UMFS Charterhouse School: 1,039 box tops at .10 each or \$103.90

2017 Oak Grove Bellmeade: 1,268 box tops at .10 each or \$126.80

January to March 12, 2018 Tuckahoe Middle School: 386 box tops at .10 each or \$38.60

This may seem so 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? Thank you for your generosity.



Hermitage News

Hidden Treasures at Hermitage-Richmond took in \$2,130 on February 23. A new list of volunteer opportunities is posted in various places at Trinity. These include gift shop attendant, Bingo assistant, trip escort, visitation, and many other opportunities. Call Meredith Eckel at (804) 474-1888 if interested.

The Guild voted to donate \$35,750 of profit from Hidden Treasures for various needs at Hermitage-Richmond. These include new dishes, Auto Vital machines, weights and exercise equipment, art supplies, wood blinds for the parlor, and many other items.

On Service Day, April 10, we will send a group to Hermitage-Richmond in order to visit those who often might not have company. If interested in joining us, please call Marble Jones (740-8002) or Nancy Miller (740-3772).

We continue to appreciate items donated to Hidden Treasures. Please be sure everything is in good condition in order that it can be sold.

Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond (ICGR) News



The leaders of ICGR had high praise for Trinity's staff, facilities, and UMW volunteers at the 51st annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Youth Awards, held at our church on February 16.

Thanks to all who contributed to making this worthwhile event such a success. You can see a photo of the event in our sanctuary at facebook.com/InterfaithRVA/.

One of the chief interfaith activities featured in ICGR's March newsletter is Encounter RVA. "The vision of Encounter RVA is to bridge divides, deepen understanding, foster diverse relationships, and move our community forward in these troubled and divisive times. In this program, Rabbi Michael Knopf hosted a series of public conversations featuring local religious, civic, and thought leaders from backgrounds as diverse as possible."

The next Encounter RVA event will be on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 pm at Vasen Brewing Co. (3331 Moore Street, 23230). The speakers will be Father Michael Renniger, Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and Rev. Kathryn Pocalyko, Pastor of Lutheran Church of our Saviour. They will discuss the similarities and differences between their approaches to Christianity, the meaning of the Protestant Reformation 500 years later, challenges and opportunities of a divided Christian world, and other topics. Register online and read about other interfaith activities by visiting <https://www.bethelrichmond.org/encounter>.

Service Day Projects and Leaders

Sherbourne Pantry Collection & Delivery	Karen Adams
Crossover Ministries	Circle 4 – Wendy Floyd
Hermitage Visitation	Nancy Miller & Marble Jones
The Doorways	Pam Rockhold
25 Confirmands Treat Bags (John Wesley sentiment)	Circle 10
Notes of Encouragement for Trinity AA Members	Jo Lewis
Gayton Terrace Visitation	Charlotte Forrester
UMFS Staff Treats	Louise Girvin & Friends
UMFS Plant Sale on May 6	Susan Westfall, Horticulture Manager
Clean Candlelight Service Candleholders	Rev. Judy Oguich & Friends
Cleaning the Library	Circle 9
Sanctuary Cleaning	Circle 10
Polish Bereavement Silver (Eaton Hall)	Circle 10
Various Sewing Projects	Janet Hill & Trinity Stitchers (Room 323)

Thank You from Mary Hetzel

How can I even begin to say thank you. Yesterday far exceeded anything I could have imagined. First of all, we had the exiting and unexpected 'Taste of Chicago' weather nail-biter on Monday. To have the Weather Man finally smile on us and allow us to proceed was a real miracle (not to mention all that Bill Pike did to keep the sidewalks safe). The room looked just perfect with Andi's pretty altar flowers, the lovely buffet tables, and Bonnie's beautifully decorated tables for us to enjoy the brunch, complete with John Wesley verse favors, tulips and tea lights! All this took a good deal of work. It was astonishing to see how many people did attend, in spite of weather challenges. How great to have members of Westhampton, St. Andrews, Evelyn Allen's church friends, Bob & Vickie Argabright, Kelly Kindle, Isnina & Hassan, Trinity staff members Paula and Pastor Larry, Eunice Turner's daughter Ann Barnes, and Ruth Wilkinson and Brenda NeSmith officers from the Richmond District.

The Call to Prayer Service was flawless and each speaker added immensely to the program. The program bulletin Janet created was perfect. We reflected a wonderful variety of ages. Pat Ruscus and Mary Beth Huneke added the dimension of worshiping through beautiful music. Rev. Christy Haga-Turner gave such an inspiring message that kept alive the theme of Parable of the Mustard Seed. Our 2018 Call to Prayer Offering was generous. Brunch was amazing, and we finally got to enjoy Andi's famous coffee punch, too. This would have been more than enough for me.

Then things really started to happen, beginning with the pretty balloons. Brenda Nesmith (together with her husband Sam), whom I deeply admire, offered such wonderful words from Maya Angelou's poem "Phenomenal Woman," about our collaboration on Richmond District UMW matters. Jo read an original, heartfelt poem. Kika Husejnovic recalled the Refugee Resettlement work we've done together since 2001 with a special certificate from Church World Service. Then Sandy and Janet presented the infinity scarf, patchwork quilt, and fabric bag lovingly created by the Stitchers. How amazing to be a recipient the new 150th Anniversary Commemorative Special Mission Recognition pin through the Legacy Fund. And Terry Gingras along with photographer Dianne Moore are creating a memory book for me.

But that was not nearly all – the program got funnier by the minute with Sharon's impeccable presentation of the boxes, the soup container, scarf, the tea lights, the Resolve, and the decorative fabric square. All I can say is y'all know me pretty well! Thank you from the bottom of my heart, dear friends. My cup runneth over...

With love and appreciation, Mary and Bob