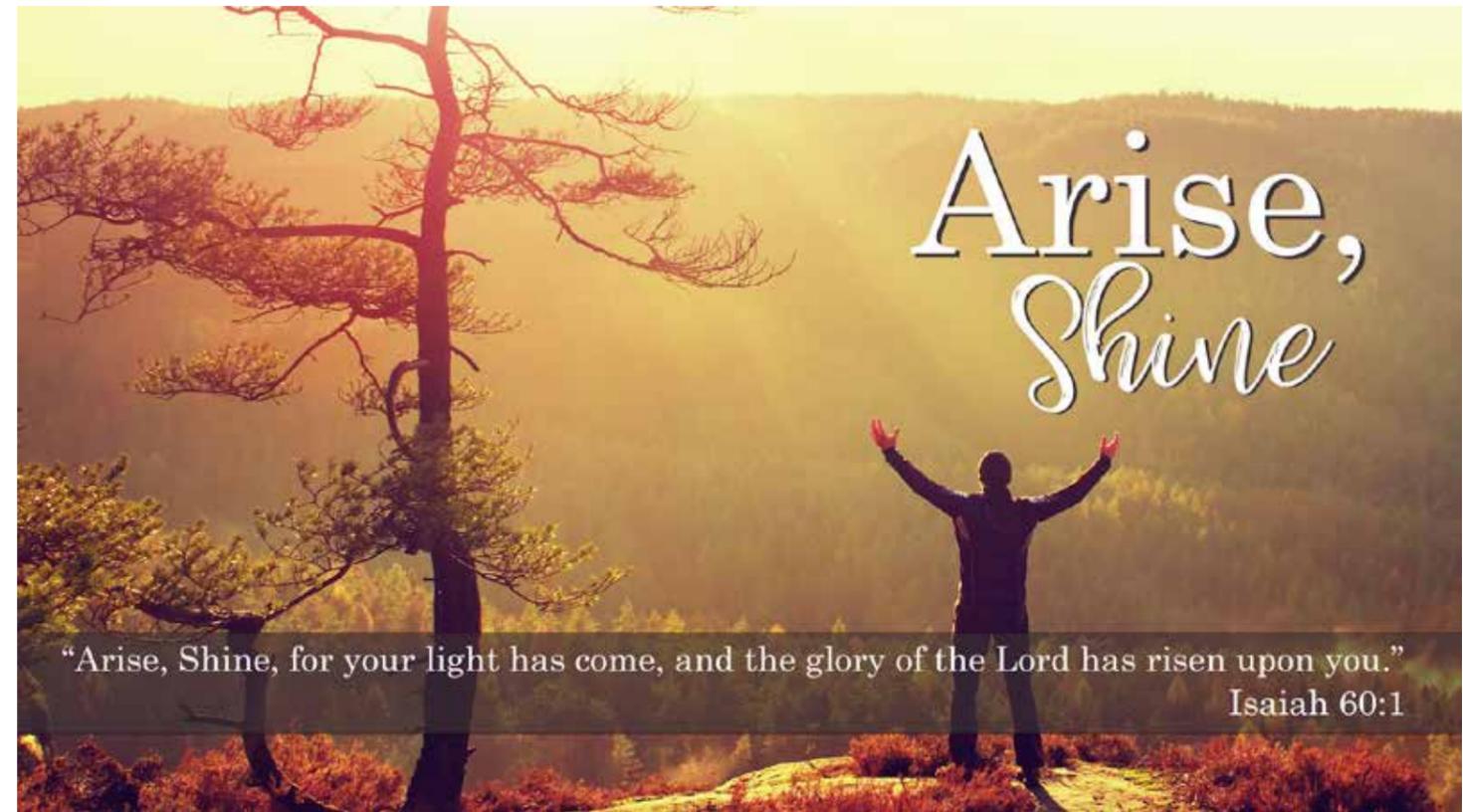


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2021 Stewardship Campaign

Our 2021 **Arise, Shine** Stewardship Campaign kicked off on Sunday, January 17. As we prepare to eventually return to face-to-face worshiping, we ask that you be in prayer on how God wants to use you and how your tithe or offering can empower Trinity's ministry.

Our theme comes from Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, Shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

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Why We Give

Giving is a spiritual act. Through our financial support of the ministries of the church we put our faith into practice. Not only is this vital to underwrite and make possible the many ministries of the church, but for each of us it is a spiritual exercise. When we give we prioritize, we make decisions, and in a very tangible way we determine God's place and importance of our lives.



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The Biblical guideline is the tithe, or first fruits. It means that we dedicate to God the first 10% of our income. (Malachi 3:8-10).

Trinity has been faithful in the worst crisis of our modern history.

As we take our next steps in ministry and mission, we are grateful for the continued and faithful support .

Caring For Our Congregation

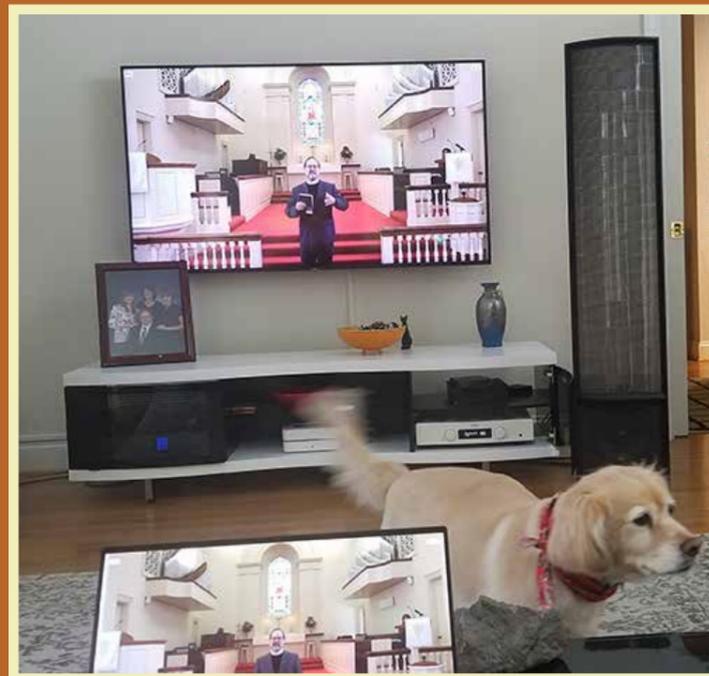
With the onset of COVID-19, Trinity, like so many others, had to rethink how we operated. Starting on March 15 we transitioned to online-only worship and have worked to steadily improve that experience as the months have continued.

We've been able to purchase new HD cameras for the sanctuary, upgraded our streaming platform, created a livestream channel on YouTube, improved our pre-worship slides, implemented a virtual time of passing the peace, brought in our Scripture readers via video, opened up a Sunday morning virtual chat stream, spent countless hours creating virtual hymns and musical selections, and more. We've celebrated Easter and Christmas virtually. We experienced Advent together, while apart. We've welcomed new members via Zoom and in the garden, and we've baptized while masked and distanced. In September we began drive-up communion, and we are in the process of preparing for Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. As we continue to work toward and prepare for the process of reopening, we also celebrate your faithfulness through all of these adaptations.

And, though it seems quite long ago, before the pandemic hit we prepared for and implemented our Vision 2020 campaign and made changes to our worship and Sunday morning and evening structure. We also launched our newly updated website in February.

Worshiping from home

Worshiping from home has become our new normal. On Sundays we broadcast to our website, to YouTube, and to Vimeo. We've continued to see many of our Richmond-based congregation and we've made new friends from across the country with regular worshipers from Indiana, Texas, North Carolina, and Alabama.



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-Isaiah 60:1

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Methods of Giving

RECURRING GIFT — Online Giving through the use of a credit card, debit card, or by electronic debit from your checking or savings account is now available on Access ACS. Access ACS is a restricted, online version of our church database. Donor information is kept secure and private with password-protected online access. Privacy and security is a number one priority. Our ACS giving page is found online at trinityumc.net/give. (Credit card payments add transaction fee and a 3% processing fee.)

ACH BANK TRANSFER — Set up a monthly bank transfer directly to Trinity or have Trinity draft from your bank account. Contact Diane Ladd at (804) 288-6056.

CHECK — Offering envelopes can be mailed to your home each quarter. Checks (not cash) may be mailed to Trinity at 903 Forest Avenue, Henrico, VA 23229 to the attention of Diane Ladd.

APPRECIATED STOCK OR QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DONATIONS — are also giving options. Contact Diane Ladd at (804) 288-6056.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about your 2021 promise or your current giving level, problems using our online ACS giving platform, or would like quarterly envelopes, please contact Financial Secretary, Diane Ladd at (804) 288-6056.

Learn More about **Arise, Shine**: trinityumc.net/give/stewardship

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Caring For Others

The COVID-19 Pandemic didn't stop Trinity from caring for our neighbors near and far. In fact, it energized us and pushed us to give and care for others in new and different ways. Almost every Friday from March-December we collected food and other items for friends at Sherbourne, Welborne, the Oak-Grove Bellemeade Saturday Literacy Academy, FeedMore, Central, and more. Some things we 'always do' looked very different-- our contribution to New Shoes for Back To School came in a whole lot of Amazon boxes, our Angel Tree gifts were given as monetary donations, our blood drives took on new meaning and came with new protocols, and our Stitchers turned from quilting to mask-making. Our Circles and Sunday School classes made Thanksgiving baskets and gift card donations and they sponsored an apartment at the new CARITAS building financially and by helping to set it up for its new residents. And we gave many thousands of dollars away to a number of causes and organizations. Pandemic life may have paused some things, but it surely did NOT pause our generous spirit.



- 2,254 bags of food 150 pairs of shoes 200 candy canes \$200 All God's Children Camp \$500 Belmont (Angel Tree) \$100 Hermitage
- 81 bags school supplies 160 boxes of crayons \$3,800 CARITAS \$10,628 Central \$11,150 Friends of Barnabas
- 190 coloring books 80 Thanksgiving bags \$1,795 FeedMore \$710 families in need \$500 Pace Center
- 1,260 items for the MHEC 40 \$50 gift cards \$300 Crossover Ministry \$570 Henrico Christmas Mother \$17,188 UMCOR
- 27 units of blood donated (80 lives saved) \$342 School Supplies Oak-Grove \$2,000 Thanksgiving baskets \$875 Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic
- 1,246 masks 24 ear protectors \$1,000 MICAH Initiative \$9,870 Pinnacle Living (Cedarfield, Hermitage)
- 421 prayer squares \$6,680 Sherbourne Food Pantry \$1,245 Preschool Scholarship
- 84 headbands \$11,000 Swahili/French Congregation \$6,557 Oak-Grove Bellameade ES
- 24 Christmas stockings \$3,045 New Shoes \$32,239 UMFS
- 1 CARITAS apartment \$3,500 UM Seminaries \$3,850 Welborne Food Pantry
- \$10,000 Westview on the James

\$ amounts given 2019-2020



New Ways to Do Ministry

Worship wasn't the only thing that changed with the onset of the pandemic. We've had to rethink EVERYTHING we do. Our Dillard Forum moved entirely online. Our Kids and students moved online and had to rethink and rework their major events and milestones. Bibles were distributed to kids in distanced hula hoops, students met in grade-level small groups, our Trunk-or-Treat became a pumpkin carving party, and our Kids Camp went all virtual. In Advent we prepared, mailed, and delivered more than 700 Advent Kits to help Trinity stay connected. We created a "Trinity Church Chatter" Facebook group to stay connected. Our Lessons & Carols service and our Kids' Christmas Pageant were edited together and presented online. We moved our bible studies online and offered additional times for morning and midday prayer. And we created a music & jam session as well as an evening prayer service in the fall.

Our doors may be temporarily closed, but our ministry continues and remains strong!

700 Trinity Advent Kits distributed
+
52 Advent for family kits
102 kids

95 Trinity Church Chatter Facebook group members

38 students meeting in 5 small groups with additional groups starting soon

20-30 persons meeting outside at Trinity 5x a week for AA

1,128 Dillard Forum Views

70 kids participated in Kids Camp
50 from different families

20 families watching Kids Church online weekly

10 kids regularly engaging in Kids Ministry Zoom calls

46 weeks of virtual-only worship services

37 new members

7 baptisms

36,556 views of our livestream page
trinityumc.net/watch-live

3,600 online attendance forms submitted

82 YouTube subscribers

136,089 website page views at trinityumc.net

6,556+ hours spent on Zoom

600+ communed via drive-up communion

300+ pieces of epiphany chalk

262 (non-music) videos submitted for worship services

200+ music videos submitted for worship services

2,000+ hours spent practicing, recording, editing, and preparing music for virtual worship services

~6-10 hours of prep for every hour of virtual worship

40 individual virtual Scripture readers

277 road to reopening surveys completed

as of 1/22/21

