

The Trinity Window

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September 2023

Pastor's Corner

School has started. The weather seems to be heading toward cooler, or at least that's what I've been told. And, we are off and running full speed again into our regular program year. Trinity is quite the busy place. Fortunately, the staff has been working hard on pre-planning, and we have the majority of our big events for the whole year on the calendar. Pick up or download a copy for your family so you know what's coming up.

That being said, it takes all of us to make what we do work. As always, we need to be focused on the wider community outside our own. Invite someone. Even better, pick them up. Be excited about our life together, and others will want to come join in what we do. Keep your eyes open to what else around us may need a touch of God's grace and love. We can't support or do everything, but there may well be ways we can be better neighbors and bearers of God's light that we don't see right now.

I am continually encouraged by the amount of care and attention this congregation has for each other and our community. It is part of what makes what I do so rewarding. You are the reason I have the energy to reflect back toward you. You are the reason our whole staff strives to do the best job we can using the best skills we have to lead you in the ministries we do. You are the reason Trinity is here, and thriving, in an increasingly complicated and adversarial world.

Keep it up. Support each other. Encourage each other. Let that communal strength flow into Tuckahoe and the wider community with the Light of Christ. We are Trinity.

Yours in Christ.

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The Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K

On **Saturday, September 16**, Trinity will host the Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K. We are staging this event with Douglas Freeman High School, Henrico Education Foundation, River Road Church Baptist, Third Church, St. Matthews, and St. Stephens.

A Kids Fun Run will start at 8 AM followed by the 5K for runners and walkers.

The 5K has been developed to remind us of the importance of mental health, the value of teamwork, and to raise funds for a memorial scholarship established by the Teague and Curry families in honor of Lara Teague Curry. Mrs. Curry was an outstanding Social Studies teacher at Douglas Freeman High School.

Any questions, contact Bill Pike: bpike@trinityumc.net.



TREASURED MENTOR • COLLEAGUE BELOVED TEACHER • WIFE • MOTHER DAUGHTER • SISTER • FRIEND

at Trinity United Methodist Church

(903 Forest Ave, Henrico, VA 23229) Kids Fun Run at 8AM 5K at 8:30AM

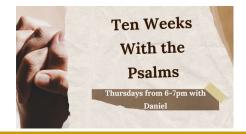
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"Ten Weeks With the Psalms"

From September 7 to November 16, join Daniel as we reflect together on selections from the Psalms and explore themes like emotional honesty, modern day idols, and the problem of evil. The class will be from 6-7 PM on Thursdays in room 323. Check out the class schedule (subject to change):

- September 7: Psalm 1—Praise, Part I
- September 14: Psalm 22—Foresaken
- September 21: Psalm 23—Passing All Understanding September 28: Psalm 24—Earthly Kings, Heavenly Kings
- October 5: Psalm 44—We Remember
- October 12: Psalm 74—The Space Between
- October 19: Psalm 82—God and Neighbor
- October 26: Psalm 137—Ugly Truths
- November 9: Psalm 139—Creation, Uncreation, Recreation
- November 16: Psalm 150—Praise, Part II

All are invited! Come and join!





New Fall Bible Study MAKING SENSE Monday Mornings, 9:30 – 11 AM

Come join Deanna McCullough and others to study "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton this fall. Participants will need to purchase their own book from Cokesbury or Amazon.

The schedule for the class will be:

Sept 11: Session 1 Sept 18: Session 2

Sept 25: HCPS day off so no Bible Study

Oct 2: Session 3

Oct 9: HCPS day off so no Bible Study

Oct 16: Session 4 Oct 23: Session 5 Oct 30: Session 6

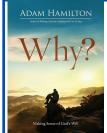
We will meet in Room 323. Contact Deanna McCullough if you plan to attend, <u>deanna6mccullough@gmail.com</u>.

Dillard Bible Study Group

This fall the Dillard Bible Study Group will be discussing *Israel: Mission Impossible, Part One* by Dr. James P. McCullough, Jr. A study in three parts of the early history of Israel and the



Prophets, the divided kingdom and Jeremiah. Starting September 12 we will meet on Monday at 7 PM via Zoom. Contact Dianne Moore for more information.



Pastor's Bible Study

The Pastor's Wednesday afternoon study will resume on **September 13** at **1:30 PM** with "Why".

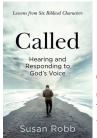
Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike?

When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to mar his creation?

In "Why?", best-selling author, Adam Hamilton, brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world, including:

God will not take away our free will, even when we use it to grieve him. God will never abandon us, especially in the midst of our suffering. While God is not the author of suffering, God will bring blessing out of tragedy."

The study will be an expansion on the book of the same title. A few copies are available at church, but if you would like for us to order one of your own, let Pastor Brian know.



3M to Begin on Wednesday, September 27

Our Wednesday night study group, 3M (named for Mary, Martha and Mark), will begin its thirteenth year in September. We meet Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 PM and we study works from different theologi-

ans and authors. Last year we studied The Difficult Words of Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine, The Angels of Christmas by Susan Robb, Words of Life by Adam Hamilton and What's So Amazing about Grace? by Philip Yancey.

This fall we will begin by studying Called by Susan Robb. A description from Cokesbury's website follows: "Throughout the Bible, God interrupts the lives of ordinary men and women, calling and empowering them to lives of service they never could have imagined on their own. Called will examine the lives of the Abraham, Samuel, Esther and Mary Magdalene, Jonah, and the beloved disciple."

We will begin on Wednesday, September 27, both in person and via Zoom.

Persons can contact Judy Oguich should you wish to join 3M for this study.

Save the Date

The Contemporary Class will host Joseph Thompson of Friends of Barnabas, to give us an update on FOBF, which has had some changes, including an Extended Care program and an investment arrangement called the Future Fund on October 15.



Upcoming Events



Tuesday, September 12 – 2-3:30 PM in the Welcome Center, Getting to know our new Associate Minister, Daniel Guenther! (And yes, there will be refreshments!)

Wednesday, October 4, 8 AM – 5 PM





Day trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. !

We will travel by chartered bus, limited to 55 people. Cost of the bus and museum will be \$50. Lunch is on your own at the museum. Friends and family are welcome to join us!! A non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 is due at registration. You can pay the entire \$50 at registration too. Registration deadline, Sunday, September 17!

Wednesday, November 8 -2 - 3:30 PM in Trinity Hall. Come join us as we travel to the Holy Land with our host Owen Taylor! We will see

the significant places of Jesus' ministry. Come and bring a friend!



Save the Date: Wednesday, December 6, 10 AM - 5 PM



Day trip to see the matinee performance of "Miracle on 34th Street" at the Riverside Theater in Fredericksburg. Cost is \$75, all inclusive (lunch, play, tax and gratuity). Come join us as we get into the holiday spirit with one of the most beloved Christmas classics! Registration deadline: Sunday, November 26. Friends and family are welcome!

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, September 5 at 3:30 PM in Room 323. Everyone is welcome!!

Parents, Save The Date! Sunday, September 17

Being a parent is tough work. From time to time, our children can have some challenging moments that make parenting difficult. If you need some advice, or a new strategy, then we hope you will consider joining us in Trinity Hall from 9:50-10:50 AM to hear from Kristin Long Francisco. Kristin is a licensed and certified counselor at the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care. To ensure that we efficiently use Kristin's time with us, parents with questions can submit them at https://www.cognitoforms.com/TrinityUMC3/ ParentingSeminarQuestion.

Questions are due on Tuesday, September 5. Once we have your questions, we will submit them to Kristin. We hope you will join us in Trinity Hall on Sunday, September 17.



Game Night September 24, 5-7 PM

Join the Trinity Family for a night of community, food, and fun. Please plan to bring some-

thing tasty to share, and your favorite board or card game! This is an event for all ages, so come join us! We look forward to seeing you!

Cedarfield Celebration

Join us on **Tuesday, September 26**, 3:30 - 4:30 PM in Cedarfield's Fellowship Hall for our quarterly celebration! We love spending time with our Cedarfield residents, but *every* Trinity member is welcome!!! Along with wonderful fellowship, we will have a Trinity update, a Cedarfield update, sing a few hymns, have a devotion with communion.

If you can participate on September 26, contact Carol Wampler (<u>carolwampler@msn.com</u>) or John Taylor (jaydeetay@verizon.net).

Additional Cedarfield Celebration date for 2023: Tuesday, December 12



Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will be **Tuesday, September 26**. We will meet at Kindred Spirit Brewing.

The brewery is in Goochland County at 12830 West Creek Pkwy. Ste J. Start time is 6 PM. The brewery's community room is reserved for us. The church will order pizza, and we will ask each person in attendance to give \$5.00 to offset the cost. Come for the fellowship and conversation about a topic of interest.

Moms (and Dads) and More Wednesday, October 4 9:30 – 11:30 AM in Room 323

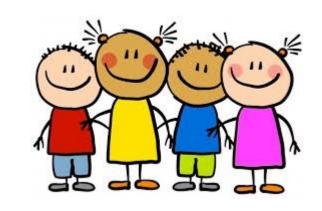
We want to let you know we are working to be able to offer a "Moms and More"-*like* program this fall for mothers (and fathers) of young children. We know life can be crazy and stressful with newborns and little ones. "Moms (and Dads) and More" aims to offer caring support, fellowship, and resources to navigate through the ups and downs. If you are interested in helping to create this program, please contact Haley Hildebrand and/ or Judy Oguich. We are excited to offer this ministry – refreshed for 2023!!

Meeting Dates: October 4, November 1, December 6, February 7, March 6, May 1

Trinity Preschool

Trinity Preschool and Parents' Morning Out is a comprehensive half-day, weekday program for children between the ages of 1 to 5 years old. It is a developmental program offered in a loving and nurturing environment to help children grow mentally, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Trinity Preschool/PMO is an outreach ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church (TUMC).

We have a few 4 year old and 2 year old spaces available 2023-24 school year. Your child must be 4 or 2 by September 30, 2023 to enter these programs. Open enrollment for the 2024-25 school year for TUMC members and past and current patrons is going on now through September 30. Please apply online through our website. (www.trinityumc.net/preschool)



HELP NEEDED:

Students in grades 6-12 with an interest in training to serve as an acolyte!

The Trinity Acolyte program currently involves 30+ young people in grades 6-12 who are selected because of their interest and commitment to the worship experience. Acolytes are helpers and assist in many aspects of the worship service. This program is a hallmark of worship at Trinity and it is a wonderful way for youth to learn and grow in their faith through active participation in the worship experience.

First year acolytes are considered acolytes-in-training for one year. Selected senior high acolytes (grades 10-12) are given additional training in order to assist in special activities. Participation for all students usually involves serving as the Crucifer (will carry the cross), being a candle lighter (responsible for lighting and extinguishing altar candles, helping with the offering), or being a Bible bearer (places the Bible on the altar).

The Trinity Acolyte Program is an excellent example of the commitment of Trinity young people in service to their church and their faith.

FAQs:

Who can participate?

Youth in grades 6-12

Do acolytes need to be confirmed in the Methodist church?

No; confirmation is <u>not</u> a requirement to participate!

How often do acolytes serve?

Availability is requested on a monthly basis, so you can participate when your schedule permits! Most serve about once a month. Special church events such as Christmas and Easter may involve more frequent participation.

What if you don't typically attend the 11am service?

Many acolytes are not regular 11am attendees, but they attend that service when scheduled. It gives youth an opportunity to fully engage in the worship offerings at TUMC and learn even more.

Is training provided?

Yes! Acolytes will receive instruction and will begin with experienced acolytes who can assist and answer questions.

You can indicate interest by completing the form found at the link below:

2023 Acolyte Interest Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuA5wzrgT_8tWqaDilf0INwBns9saIJwI4-u0_0wkg3sEvmg/viewform?pli=1





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What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

Kids Discipleship at 10am

Kids Discipleship during the 10am hour occurs in these locations and resumes on September 10th:

Nursery: Birth – 3 year olds Room 208: Preschoolers (3-5 year olds) Room 302: Elementary schoolers



This is what we are learning about in September:

In the jungle, every day is an unpredictable adventure! But to safely navigate the vines, animals, and tricky terrain, we'll need a guide to help lead us. This four-week series follows the life of Moses and his journey to leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Through his story, we'll discover how God teaches us how to lead, and learn how to follow God's lead as God leads us to safety, and to what we need.



Transit, our 4th and 5th grade ministry, returns this September! We are meeting on these dates this fall: September 10 and 17, October 1, 15, and 29, and November 5, 12, and 19.

We meet in the Welcome Center and then head upstairs to room 302 for a pizza dinner followed by games and activities. Transit helps 4th and 5th graders grow friendships with each

other to help them transition to the student ministry when they enter middle school!

Register here for each week so I know how much pizza to order: https://tinyurl.com/2j8wex9n



We are starting a new year of Kids Worship at the 9am service! Kids join Jen in the chapel after the Kids Moment and return during the offering! I need volunteers who can help me during this time each week! Here is the link to volunteer to help: https://tinyurl.com/bd5bkp6v

We have had a great time at the end of August welcoming families back to our back to school and ice cream sundae events!







Student Ministry

SATURDAY LOCK-IN SEPT 9 THIS SEPT SEPT SEPT SEPT SEPT SEPT SEPT

Pumpkins are Coming!

The Pumpkin Patch is coming on Saturday, September 23!

The Pumpkin Patch, a well-loved Trinity tradition, is the youth ministry's primary fundraiser. The pumpkins are scheduled to arrive Saturday, September 23 at 9 AM, and we will need lots of help unloading the truck! Bring yourself, your family, and perhaps 10 of your closest friends!

We will need workers to staff the Pumpkin Patch after they get here. All are welcome to serve in the Pumpkin Patch. To sign up go to: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A8A72AA2FDC16-trinity11

YOUTH LATE NIGHT FUN. REGISTER ONLINE. INVITE A FRIEND.



TRINITY STUDENTS FALL 2023

SEPTEMBER

- 3 No Youth- Labor Day weekend
- 9 Youth Kick-off Lock-in 9pm-7:30am
- 10 Sunday School / No Youth Group
- 17 Sunday School / Youth Group 5-7pm Pumpkin Patch set up begins at 4:30pm
- 23 Pumpkins Arrive around 9am! Pumpkin Patch Opens
- 24 Sunday School Church Game Night & Potluck 5-7pm

OCTOBER

- 1 Sunday School / Youth Group
- 8 Sunday School / Youth Group
- 15 Youth Group at PACE
- 22 Fall Fesitval 3-5pm Sunday School / No Youth Group
- 29 Youth Halloween Party and Pumpkin Carving 5-7pm Pumpkin Patch Open during October (sign up to serve)

NOVEMBER

- 4 Pumpkin Patch Clean Up
- 5 Sunday School / Youth Group
- 10-12 Fall Retreat at Camp Hanover early-bird \$65, after early-bird \$85
- 12 No Youth Group- Fall Retreat
- 19 Sunday School Youth Friendsgiving 12-1:30pm
- 26 No Youth Group- Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 3 Sunday School / Create and Celebrate 4pm / Dinner 5:15pm /Youth Group 6-7pm
- 10 Sunday School / Youth Christmas Party 5:30-7pm
- 17 Sunday School / Christmas Play 4pm/ Dinner 5:15pm /Youth Group 6-7pm 24-5 Christmas Break





WEEKLY

YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAYS 5:00-7:00 PM SEPTEMBER 17TH- DECEMBER 10TH PLEASE BRING \$3 FOR YOUTH DINNER

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM-10:50 AM ON SUNDAYS WE INVITE OUR YOUTH TO SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY, NURSERY, ACOLYTING, A/V AND GREETING.





August 21, 2023

Dear Trinity family,

It is with sadness that we announce the resignation of Jenna Bush as our Director of Student Ministries, effective September 6, 2023. With Jenna's leadership, the youth program has grown and continues to be one of the bright points in our ministry. Considering the significant challenges the pandemic caused, this is quite a feat.

As we move forward, we will be advertising immediately for her successor and will diligently work to fill the position. In the interim, our Associate Pastor, Daniel Guenther, will be working with the existing parent and volunteer base to continue the student ministries. Jenna has advanced planning for upcoming special events, and we expect that the usual fall and spring retreats, pumpkin sales, and other activities will continue as we work together to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. Our intention is that the magic of the youth group will continue, especially for our seniors.

Jenna would like to add a personal note: "Gratitude fills my heart for Trinity United Methodist Church. From the many cherished memories of Retreats, Local Serve, the Pumpkin Patch, and SWAG (to name a few) to the joy and laughter with the youth and their families - I've been truly blessed. I am profoundly fortunate to know the remarkable youth of Trinity United Methodist Church. To each of you: know my deep gratitude and love for you. I am immensely proud of all you've achieved and the promise of all you'll become. My heartfelt thanks also go to the dedicated staff at Trinity. Trinity UMC, May God's hand be ever-present in your endeavors as you spread and live in the hope of Jesus. Wishing Trinity UMC great things ahead."

We wish Jenna the best in her future endeavors, and truly appreciate the love and dedication to the students of Trinity that her ministry has demonstrated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to myself, Daniel, or our Staff-Parish Committee chair Eric Zimmerman.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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From Trinity UWF President

Dear Trinity Sisters,

Thank you for taking time to answer our survey. We will have ideas coming with your results.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead - meeting together, loving our Lord and serving our neighbors.

Our Unit meetings, with all circles coming together, will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We start on September 14 at 10 AM in Trinity Hall with an Installation of officers and Re-commitment service, followed by a covered dish salad lunch.

Come join us—we're better together!

Blessings

Jo Lewis 804-921-5610 jolewis49@yahoo.com

Save the Dates

October 12, 7 PM Mission Focus: Pathways Speaker: Juanita Epps, CEO

November 9, 10 AM Harvest Day Speaker: Julie Bilodeau, CrossOver

Saturday December 2
District UWF Advent Service
Hosted by Trinity UWF

Thursday December 14 Service Day

Thursday September 14 Trinity Hall, 10 AM



From the Water's Edge

At our September meeting we will install our leaders for 2023-2024 and recommit ourselves to the purpose of United Women in Faith.

The meeting will be followed by a covered dish salad lunch. Come join us!

Officers:

- President Jo Lewis
- Vice President Janet Hill
- Secretary Kimberly Fricke
- Treasurer Shari Adams

Mission Coordinators:

- Membership, Nurture & Outreach Angela Trevvett
- Spiritual Life Leader Sarah Shutt
- Service Day Coordinator Mary Ann Boyd
- Harvest Day Chair Circle 4
- Micah Initiative & Sherborne Food Pantry Karen Adams
- Directory Amy Barefoot
- Communications Dianne Moore
- Staff Liaison Judy Oguich

September Circle Meetings

Circle 1 - Tuesday the 19 at 9:30 AM. Leader: Stacy Campbell.

Circle 4 - Thursday the 7th at 11 AM in room 323. Leader: Dianne Moore.

Circle 6 - Tuesday the 5th at 10 AM in room 319. Program: Let's Gather Together. Leader: Jo Lewis

Circle 10 – Thursday the 7th at 6 PM: September Salad Social at the home of Marti Parch. Leader: Sharon Wenger

Cozy Up with Jill's Blankets

Join us for our fall event! Thursday, October 19 in Trinity Hall. Choose between three sessions; morning, afternoon or evening. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able. All materials (scissors & fleece) are provided. Thank you for helping us make cancer patients feel cozy this fall! Spread the word and bring friends. Light snacks provided!

Sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0F48AFAB29AAFDC43-cozv#/

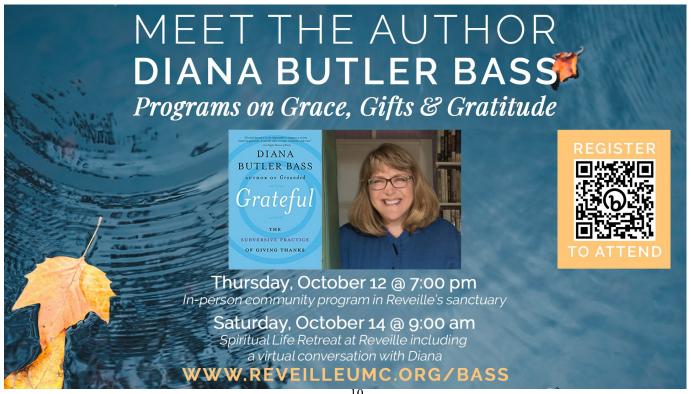




Wildfires in Hawaii

(*Updated as of Aug. 14, 2023*) Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. UMCOR is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. As first responders continue to provide initial aid in the area, please join UMCOR in prayer for those affected. Gifts can be made in the following ways:

- Online at https://umcmission.org/advanceproject/901670
- By toll-free telephone call: 1-888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/ UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line and given to any United Methodist church.
- View and download resources for giving here.





Thank You Notes

We would like to thank our Trinity family for the amazing support we have received during Holly's recent health concerns. Your generosity and sense of community has been humbling and greatly appreciated. We have received so many prayers, well-wishes, cards, and food of all kinds. The Post Office thanks you as well! We are truly blessed and feel greatly supported. Please know that every act has been appreciated, whether or not we have been able to individually respond. Recovery continues well, assisted by each one of you.

Holly and Brian Siegle

Dear Trinity family,

THANK YOU so much for supporting Westview on the James Camp & Retreat Center through our 2023 Lenten Easter Mission Offering! This year's generous gift will help offset the cost of summer camp for deserving children through our Care & Connect campership program. Please come for a visit. Perhaps you would like to consider signing up for our very fun Family Camptoberfest Weekend - October 20-22. Get the full scoop on all the programs and facilities at westviewonthejames.org. Thank you for being a vital part of our outdoor ministry!

Libby Burton, TUMC Westview Rep



Coffee Ministry

It's a new season and that means a new sign-up for our Coffee Ministry on Sundays. It just takes a couple of people to get things

all set up each Sunday. It means a lot to our church members to have that service each week. We appreciate all of your help each week. If you have any questions, contact Mary Beth Utley at maryb.utley@gmail.com. To sign up go to:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa8ab22a5f85 -trinity3#/

YMCA Lifeguards

The Tuckahoe YMCA is looking for lifeguards. Training will be supplied. Get a free membership. Retirees put your swimming skills to use, become a lifeguard!



Baptisms

Hannah Devlin, TJ Devlin, Logan Murphy, Paxton Murphy

Our sympathies to...

The family of Phyllis Whitaker who died August 29 Katie Berlin whose aunt Sandra Fields died August 18 Chris Smith whose cousin Ricky Chandler died August 9

The family of Nicholas Colleran who died August 6 Corey Booker whose father John Simpson died August 3

The family of Lisa Weatherford who died July 28 Sue Brown whose sister Mary Jean George died July 27 David Hickman whose father Allen Hickman died July 26

Madelyn Smith whose sister Gayle Watson died July 20



Staff Parish

Staff Parish would like to take the time to acknowledge staff who have celebrated their anniversary of working at Trinity over this

summer. Staff Parish will be announcing anniversaries each month and be putting flowers on the Altar in honor of the staff.

Kim Tingler 20 years Pat Ruscus 21 years Jen Williams 4 years Paula Cadden 28 years Aaron Miller 4 years

Staff Parish would like to thank the staff for their years of service to Trinity!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is Monday, September 18 at 4 PM for events taking place in October. Articles may be submitted prior to the deadline, and we encourage early submissions. Articles must be submitted in writing to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.