



The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

Fall Colors

As we head into fall, there are hints of the color change on the way. And while we wait for the amazing technicolor beauty of God's creation to unfold, I'm noticing that I'm seeing other colors, too. The calendar seems continually busy, and the true colors of those around us are clear when stress goes up. Some we meet seem to change character and become short with others. Others seem to be able to remain calm, cool, and collected even when everything around them seems to be crazy. What's the secret of this second group? I think two-fold. First, I think those who can remain calm amidst stress have a clear understanding of what they can and cannot control in the world around them. Much of our stress seems to be caused by failed attempts to attempt controlling what we cannot. Second, I think calm amidst the storm comes from a peace that we get from God. I believe a strong faith helps us attend to reason one of calm living.

Of course, understanding our place in the world and having an uplifting faith don't keep us from becoming upset about wrongs or even an occasional slip into the spirals of stress. Being stressed out or feeling overwhelmed does not mean we don't have faith. However, our trust in God can help guide us in general and help us keep our focus on the joy and wonder of God's world around us, and the people within it. We can make the choices to seek to be more like Christ in our actions, and by the Grace of God we get better at it each day we try.

So let's help each other as the pace of our lives increases. Let's support each other with the love of Christ in all that we do, together and as individuals, so that when we show our true colors, we like what we see. Let's show the sometimes frazzled world around us what faith in Jesus Christ can do for our lives. "Turn your eyes upon Jesus" and everything else will seem a little less crazy.

Yours in Christ,

Wanted: Pumpkin Patch Volunteers!

Trinity's Pumpkin Patch will be open from **Saturday September 23 to Tuesday, October 31**, and we need as many people as possible to take a shift helping with sales. Each will be about two hours long. The Patch itself will be open for sales from 12 PM to 7 PM on Weekdays, 10 AM to 7 PM on Saturdays, and 10 AM to 6:30 PM on Sundays. If you are interested in signing up, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A8A72AA2FDC16-trinity11> Please consider donating some of your time to support this great ministry of our church!



PUMPKIN PATCH is OPEN!

Sign Up to help in the Patch

**It Takes Everyone to Make
the Patch Successful!**



Fall Festival

The Trinity UMC family invites you to join us for our Fall Festival fun, and to enjoy good food, activities and community!

Activities for children include:

- Inflatable Bounce House
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Trunk or Treat (Register via sign up link below)
- Costume Contest
- Face Painting Station
- Gaga Ball
- And more!

Activities for Youth and Adults Include

- Pickleball
- Live Music
- Trivia
- A Food Truck
- And more!



We are looking forward to having you join us for a fun time spent with special people! Also, we will need volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, including hosting a trunk for the Trunk or Treat, sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849A9AB2EA4FB6-2023#/>



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 22

Join us at the Veterans Memorial Garden (the one with the flagpole on Forest Avenue) at 2:30 PM for all animals.

All animals:

- Need to be healthy and up-to-date with shots.
- In a carrier or on a leash with adult supervision
- Be very sociable and safe around other animals (If your pet is too shy, too aggressive or just too difficult to transport, please just bring a photo to be blessed.)

Questions? Contact church office at 288-6056 or Dianne Moore. See you there!



The Contemporary Class presents

Joseph Thompson of the Friends of Barbabas who will tell us about recent changes and new programs designed to continue and expand the mission of FOBFB.

Sunday,
October 15,
at 10:00am
Trinity
Hall



Moms (and Dads) and More

Aiming to offer caring support,
fellowship and resources!

Wednesday, October 4
9:30 - 11:30 AM
Room 323

Moms (and Dads) and More

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



Upcoming Events

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, October 31 at 3:30 PM in Room 323. Everyone is welcome!!



Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will be **Tuesday, October 24**. 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.



Honoring Trinity’s Veterans

On **Sunday, November 12**, the Outreach Class will present a program in Trinity Hall from 10-10:50 AM to honor our Trinity Veterans. If you have a Trinity Veteran that you would like to have recognized at this program, please send the name and branch of military that he/she served to Bill Pike at bpike@trinityumc.net or call the church office. Deadline for submitting names is **Wednesday, November 8**.



Student Ministries Listening Sessions

As we look ahead to the future of our Student Ministry, all congregants are invited to attend a special listening session on **October 1**, from **10:00 to 10:50 AM** (between services) in the Parlor. This is a chance for the people of Trinity to share their thoughts on the direction of the Student Ministry and to be heard as the church goes forward. Questions? Contact Pastor Brian Siegle at bsiegle@trinityumc.net or Pastor Daniel Guenther at dguenther@trinityumc.net.

Building Generations Together

There will be informal meetings regarding Trinity’s most exciting renovation project entitled Building Generations Together on **October 8 and October 15** in the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM.



Join the Lessons & Carols Choir

Lessons & Carols *Calling all singers!* Trinity’s choir will begin rehearsing music for our annual Lessons & Carols service in October, and we would be delighted for you to add your voice to the chorus! We rehearse every Wednesday evening at 7:00, the first half of each rehearsal (7:00–7:45) focusing on Lessons & Carols, and the remainder of the rehearsal dedicated to Sunday anthems. You are welcome to join us for the Lessons & Carols portion of each rehearsal only, or to stay and sing with the Sunday morning group too!

The service of Lessons & Carols will take place Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 PM. We hope you, your friends, neighbors, and loved ones will join us.

Questions? Email amiller@trinityumc.net.



SAVE THE DATE

**November 19
4-6:30 PM**

**Trinity’s Community Fair
Capital Campaign’s Celebration Event!**

TRINITY Kids

What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

Kids Discipleship at 10am

Kids Discipleship during the 10am hour occurs in these locations:

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



This is what we are learning about in October:

Can you imagine needing to walk through the desert? You'd be surrounded by cacti, sand, snakes, and more sand. With the heat of the sun, we'd wind up so thirsty and wondering "Are we there yet?" That's probably how the Israelites felt as they wandered around the desert, waiting to enter the Promised Land. But no matter how tired our feet get, we can focus on what's happening in our lives right now rather than just on where we're going. In this five-week series based on stories from Exodus, we'll explore how we can choose to be thankful, love God and others, turn to God when we're lost, go to God when we need rest, and remember God's promises.

TRANSIT

4th-5th Grade

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>



At 9am, 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 register: <https://tinyurl.com/mw6p5rrm>



Before COVID, Trinity had a kids choir for many years! Now, we are bringing a new version back for the month of October!

October has five Sundays and this looks like the perfect time to offer Kids Choir. Here's the plan: Kids from 4 years old through the 5th grade may participate in the choir. We will meet during Kids Worship time during the 9am worship service for the first four weeks. The choir will sing at both services during the Kids Moment timeframe on October 29th.

** You do not have to attend all four practices in order to participate!

Please note: this will be the only option for Kids Worship during this time. Kids Worship will resume in November in its normal format.

“7 Reasons Why a Christian Can Celebrate Halloween”

by Alan Rudnick, pastor, author, and speaker

Can there be a Christian Halloween? Can a Christian celebrate Halloween, which honors ghouls, demons, ghosts, and everything that goes bump in the night, dangerous or even evil? Somewhere, in the halls of history, Halloween or All Hallows Eve, got hijacked. What started as a day to prepare for All Saints’ Day (November 1st), Halloween became a spooky, evil, and candy filled observance. The term “Halloween” from its beginnings, had nothing to do with any pagan or evil beliefs. The Christian festival All Hallows Eve morphed into our current term Hallowe’en.

The key in understanding the origins of the term Halloween comes from the sense of what is “hallowed” or “holy.” In the Lord’s Prayer, Christians pray, “Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name...” In the fourth century, John Chrysostom tells us that the Eastern church celebrated a festival in honor of all saints who died. In the seventh and eighth centuries, Christians celebrated “All Saints’ Day” formally. How did Halloween become associated with evil spirits? When we look at history we discover: More than a thousand years ago Christians confronted pagan rites appeasing the lord of death and evil spirits... the druids, in what is now Britain and France, observed the end of summer with sacrifices to the gods. It was the beginning of the Celtic year, and they believed Samhain, the lord of death, sent evil spirits abroad to attack humans, who could escape only by assuming disguises and looking like evil spirits themselves. The waning of the sun and the approach of dark winter made the evil spirits rejoice and play nasty tricks.

If the Christian observance of Halloween began with a religious focus, how can we reclaim Halloween from its current feared status? Here are 7 ways Christians can take back Halloween:

1. Understand that All Hallows Eve (Halloween) and the ancient pagan festival of Samhain are not the same. Halloween is often associated with the pagan concept of Samhain, the festival where ancient pagans believed that the worlds of the living and dead would be thinly divided. But, we have seen from the other ancient pagan festivals associated with Christmas and Easter that these pagan connections do not serve as a reason why we cannot celebrate a Christian holiday. Despite claims by modern Wiccans and Druids, there is not one shred of evidence of what actually took place. History has proven that the Christianizing of the calendar has created a rich heritage of faith and spirituality rather than something more evil. Gregory III (731– 741) and Gregory IV (827– 844) moved the Christian holiday All Saints’ Day from May 13 to November 1 to replace the pagan rituals on October 31 and November 1. Gregory III instructed people to dress up as saints. Let the occult have Samhain, we are taking All Hallows Eve back.
2. The establishment of Christmas and Easter in Europe had pagan connections but we do not abandon these holidays. Neither should we abandon All Hallows Eve. Much of the beef of conservative Christians surrounding Halloween is centered around how pagan observances were mashed together with Halloween. Most Christians may not understand that Christmas was opted for a December observance because of the Nordic holiday of Yule (ever heard of a Yule log?) that occurred near the winter solstice. The observance of Easter refers to Eostur-monath, a month that the Germanic peoples named after the goddess Eostre. If Christmas and Easter have connections to pagan rituals of celebrating seasonal changes, does that devalue them? No.
3. Understanding that early Christians contextualized early pagan holidays into Christian holidays helps us to see that we do not have to compromise our beliefs with pagan ones. Anthony McRoy, a Fellow of the British Society for Middle East Studies at Wales Evangelical School of Theology reminds us: “Of course, even if Christians did engage in contextualization—expressing their message and worship in the language or forms of the local people—that in no way implies doctrinal compromise for Halloween. Christians around the world have sought to redeem the local culture for Christ while purging it of practices antithetical to biblical norms. After all, Christians speak of “Good Friday,” but they are in no way honoring the worship of the Norse/Germanic queen of the gods Freya by doing so.”
4. “Evil” themes in our current secular Halloween observances were not always present. Thus, we can recapture the spiritual with the innocent. Halloween does not have to be a holiday filled with Draculas, bloody masks, or witches. There was a time when children dressed up, but their costumes were not sinister. Sue Ellen Thompson’s book *Holiday Symbols* records that during the Great Depression, “children often disguised themselves as hobos,

burglars, pirates... in other words, as economic and social outcasts, symbolic of the troubles from which their parents were struggling to escape.” Those children were trying to make light of their situation. In many cultures, taunting or comically characterizing personal cultural strife was a way of triumphing over that which could not be overcome in their collective psyche. Elesha Coffman wrote, “Festival of Fears”, in Christianity Today that Halloween in the 19th century was devoid of scary masks and monsters: “Mainstream Halloween celebrations in the Victorian era were generally tame and devoid of occult overtones. Instead of pulling pranks or haunting neighborhoods, young people chatted and flirted in festooned parlors. By the beginning of the twentieth century, some towns had gone so far as to make Halloween primarily a civic affair, complete with parades and block parties.”

5. If you still think Halloween is an evil day, then maybe you should see All Hallows Eve as a time when Christians can laugh and even mock evil. Anderson M. Rearick, assistant professor of English at Mount Vernon Nazarene College in Ohio, challenges us to rethink Halloween: “Should the forces of evil be mocked? Should Satan be laughed at? He most certainly should be. At the beginning of *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis includes two telling quotations, the first from Martin Luther: “The best way to drive out the devil, if he will not yield to texts of Scripture, is to jeer and flout him, for he cannot bear scorn.” The second comes from Thomas More: “The devil ... the proud spirit cannot endure to be mocked.” “The one thing Satan cannot bear is to be a source of laughter. His pride is undermined by his own knowledge that his infernal rebellion against God is in reality an absurd farce. Hating laughter, he demands to be taken seriously. Indeed, I would say that those Christians who spend the night of October 31 filled with concern over what evils might be (and sometimes are) taking place are doing the very thing Lucifer wants them to do. By giving him this respect, such believers are giving his authority credence.” Christians should instead celebrate Halloween with gusto. If we follow the traditional formula of having a good time at his expense, Satan flees. By laughing, mocking, and even “cartooning” evil by goofy costumes we can take a posture of triumph with Christ.

6. Christians should focus and teach the concept of celebrating All Saint’s Day, November 1st in churches. The term “saint” is used over 60 times in the New Testament. We protestants use the word saints to describe the Christians living and dead. We can also honor our loved ones who have given us Christ, such as our parents, grandparents, etc... We thank God for them and pray that the living “saints” may live in community. We can also learn from the saints of the church for the last 2,000 years. We protestants have often been fearful of honoring and learning from the Church saints for fear that we are venerating them as Catholics do.

7. Christ holds the “keys to death and Hades” (Revelation 1:18). We can take comfort in the fact that Christ defeated death. Even the mere name of “Jesus Christ” can make evil shudder and even follow the commands of God. When Jesus confronted evil demons in the New Testament they were fearful and obeyed the commands of Jesus to leave the people they possessed. Much of the outcry concerning Halloween comes from the fear of evil or welcoming evil into their homes or lives. No one should go out and look for spiritual warfare, but we should take comfort in knowing that Christ has given us the tools to fend away evil: faith in God, scripture, the power of Christ, the Holy Spirit, fasting, and prayer.

Why should Christians allow others to claim Halloween as their own? We should not. We should take back All Hallows Eve by embracing All Saints Day and remembering our “saints”. By separating All Hallows Eve from the pre-Christian practices, Christians can take comfort in understanding the historical Christian remembrance that is associated with All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day. Children can collect donations for UNICEF or for a local cause. We Christians can also view Halloween as a fun event for children by having events in churches or in our communities where children and their parents can dress up, play games, and share some treats in a safe place.



United Women in Faith

From Trinity UWF President

Dear Trinity Sisters,

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the surveys. They were a good start in gaining some insight into what to plan to go forward.

We've been busy this fall: we have had a fun Ice Cream Social, picked up new members in existing Circles and started a new nighttime Circle.

We installed our officers in a beautiful service led by Rev. Judy and sandwiched in prayer by Rev. Daniel. We have a fantastic team assembled and ready to go to work.

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another . . . “ Hebrews 10: 24-25a

Remember . . . you are loved,

Jo Lewis

October 12



Join us in the Welcome Center at 7 PM to hear Juanita Epps, CEO of Pathways discuss their work in the community as they open doors to opportunity.

UWF is hosting this meeting in the evening to encourage participation by women and men of all ages in our congregation.

Save the Dates

Saturday December 2
District UWF Advent Service
Hosted by Trinity UWF

Thursday December 14 Service Day



Harvest Day

November 9
10 AM in the Sanctuary

Love in Action Can Change the World

Speaker: Julie Bilodeau
CrossOver Healthcare Ministry

Followed by a covered dish lunch in Trinity Hall.



October Circle Meetings

Circle 1 – we held our planning meeting in September. Our next meeting is Tuesday the 17th at 9:30 AM in room 317. Leader: Stacy Campbell.

Circle 4 – we will meet on Thursday the 7th at 11 AM in the Student Center. Program: Museum of the Bible, Leader: Dianne Moore.

Circle 6 – On Tuesday the 3rd at 10 AM in room 319 we will have a program led by Betty Allen and Anna Shoenenberger. Leader: Jo Lewis

Circle 7 – Our meeting will be on Thursday the 19th, 7 PM, in the Student Center. Rev. Daniel Guenther will share his faith path with us. Leaders: Shari Adams and Caroline Cardwell

Circle 10 – We met in September for a Salad Social and collected donations for Doorways. On October 5 we will meet at the home of Ridley Eunice. Karen Adams will talk about the Sherbourne Ministry. Donations for Sherbourne will be collected at the meeting. Leader: Sharon Wenger

What Does Church Council Do?

Briefly stated, this church leadership group has responsibility for planning, implementing, and evaluating your congregation's ministry and mission.

There are three major aspects of their work:

- Specifically, to focus on the holistic view of our ministries to insure they carry the gospel message into the community.
- To manage and administer the on-going life of the congregation, through oversight of trustees, finance, outreach, discipleship, and others.
- To evaluate ministries to insure they are vibrant, timely, and always seeking better ways to be the people of God in the community.

Below is the list of council membership and the ministry they chair or position they fill:

Church Council Chair	Keith Reynolds
Lay Leader	Joseph Thompson
Trustees Chair	Jim Crowder
Staff Parish Chair	Eric Zimmerman
Finance Chair	Elaine Peele
United Women in Faith	Jo Lewis
Treasurer	Jordan Utley
Trinity Foundation Chair	Paul Mancini
Recording Secretary	Sheila Norfleet
Historian	Lou Cei
Librarian	Mary Beth Utley
Prayer Ministry	Leila Spitzer
Stitchers Ministry	Janet Hill, Gail Clelland
Upward Coordinator	Angela Verdery
Worship Committee Chair	Art Utley
Preschool Chair	Shawn Tidey
Pastor	Brian Siegle

These are your leaders on church council. If you have questions about our church or wish to be a part of any of these ministry areas, please do not hesitate to contact these individuals.

Keith Reynolds
Chair, Church Council

Active in the Church and the Community

The Trinity Foundation has been active addressing needs outside of the church's operating budget. To date in 2023, more than \$72,000 has been granted to worthy causes, including professional development for staff, college scholarships for Trinity students, and support for United Methodist Family Services.

A Foundation grant was also used to match funds from the Lenten Easter and Mission Offering for the New Shoes for Back-to-School Ministry. As a result, Trinity was able to provide a total of 150 new pairs of shoes to three Title 1 elementary schools: Dumbarton, Bensley and Montrose. The shoes are kept in the school "clothes closets" for children in need. "Often kids will ask me where the shoes come from and I tell them that there are people who we haven't met yet who care about us and give us these special gifts. It's always really cool to see their faces light up and it's a clear reminder that they are loved and worthy." --Rachel Arrowsmith, Communities In Schools Coordinator at Broad Rock Elementary School.

If you are interested in making a grant request, go to: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/TrinityUMC3/TrinityFoundationGrantRequest>

Trinity Foundation Committee members include:

President: Paul Mancini
Vice President: Corey Booker
Financial Secretary: Brian Ford
Secretary: Rachen Sterling
Sandy Peele
Diana Avery
Peggy Watson
JD Neary
Beth Monroe
Jonathan Hawes
Kirk Spitzer
Ex Officio: Keith Reynolds, Chair of Church Council
Brian Siegle, Pastor



Cozy Up with Jill's Blankets

Join us for our fall event on 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-cozy#/>

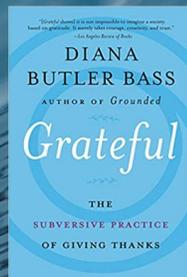


District Conference

The Three Notch'd District will gather for its annual District Conference on **Saturday November 18**, at 10:30 AM at Woodlake UMC, 15640 Hampton Park Drive, Chesterfield. The District Conference will include the installation service for District Superintendent Hyo Lee. Dr. Lee started serving the Richmond District in 2020. In 2021, the Charlottesville and Richmond Districts were combined and officially became the Three Notch'd District August 2022. Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson wants each of the District Superintendents to have this opportunity, and she will be helping with the installation service. The District Conference will also feature preaching by Dr. Lee, as well as reports from the District Committee on Ministry, District Leadership Board, and District Board of Church Location and Ministry. The morning will conclude with voting on district leadership. Please save the date and we hope to see everyone on November 18!

MEET THE AUTHOR DIANA BUTLER BASS

Programs on Grace, Gifts & Gratitude



REGISTER



TO ATTEND

Thursday, October 12 @ 7:00 pm

In-person community program in Reville's sanctuary

Saturday, October 14 @ 9:00 am

*Spiritual Life Retreat at Reville including
a virtual conversation with Diana*

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Thank You Notes

Our former evening building caretaker, **Bobby McShaw**, wants to thank you for the cards and notes that you sent him. Bobby stated he received over 125 pieces of correspondence, and he enjoyed every one. His spirits are good, and Bobby asks for your continued thoughts and prayers.

Joys and Concerns

Our sympathies to...

The family of Beth Tracy who died September 19
The family of Alan Lombardi who died September 7
Lola Jean Nichols whose father Eldon Summar died August 29
The family of Frances Burch who died August 27



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 spaces available 2023-24 school year. Your child must be 4 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](http://www.trinityumc.net/preschool). (www.trinityumc.net/preschool)

Work on the Buildings and Grounds

Recently, Jeff Given, Dan Nichols, and David Priest gave of their time to help Trinity. Jeff worked to clear an overgrown section of our grounds, while Dan and David continued the prep work for the repainting of Eaton Hall. We appreciate the time, energy, and effort from these members.

Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K

The Steering Committee for the Lara Teague Curry Memorial 5K would like to thank you for supporting this community event. The 5K was a success because of your participation, volunteering, and financial donations. Your efforts made a difference in multiple ways, and we thank you.

Thanks Kristin Long Francisco

On Sunday morning, September 17, eighteen Trinity parents gathered in Trinity Hall for a parent seminar with Kristin Long Francisco from the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care. This session was a mix of presentation and Kristin taking questions from parents. We thank Kristin for giving of her time so that we could learn more about the challenging work of parenting.



Staff Parish

Staff Parish would like to take the time to acknowledge staff who are celebrating their anniversary of working at Trinity. Staff Parish will be announcing anniversaries each month and be putting flowers on the Altar in honor of the staff.

Ronnie Johnson

21 years

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#/>

Newsletter DEADLINE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, October 16 at 4 PM for events taking place in November**. 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.