



Trinity United Methodist Church
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Henrico, Virginia 23229

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The Trinity Window

PASTOR'S PEN

“Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. ... The angels asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying?’” *John 20:11, 12*

There are so many things we can cry about. Our lives are full of disappointment, pain, and unrealized expectations. Mary Magdalene was experiencing this pain in a real way that first Easter morning. In the midst of that disappointment and confusion, the angels (and later Jesus) asked her why she was crying. They were focused on the future. Christ had risen. There was no reason to cry. The disappointment, while real, was no longer relevant.

Let our story reflect the same. Christ is risen. There is nothing else more important. All we do in this community we call Trinity is because of that fact. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and sharing that with the world should be our singular focus. Yes, we mess up. Yes, we hurt each other. Yes, we have real pain in our lives. But it all pales in comparison with what Christ has done for us through the immeasurable love of God. The world needs to hear that message, and even more importantly, witness that message through our actions as the body of Christ. Get rid of anything that gets in the way of that work.

Be Resurrection people, because Jesus is Risen!!!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian



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YOUNG AT HEART—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Young at Heart has wonderful programs coming up! Registration for these events is on Sunday mornings or with Judy Oguich at joguich@trinityumc.net. These are open to everyone; come and bring a friend!



Thursday, April 23: Day trip to Petersburg to visit Historic Blandford Church. We will have lunch in Petersburg following our tour. Hours: 9:30am—4pm

Save the Date:

May 19 —Richmond Canal Tour

June 14—Lunch at Hanover Tavern followed by the play “George Washington’s Teeth”

PUB THEOLOGY

We hope you will join us again in 2026 for Pub Theology at WayGone Brewery. Here are the dates and guests:



- April 14: Ben Campbell, author of *Richmond’s Unhealed History*
- May 12: Mark Coakley, Henrico County Director of Elections
- June 9: Bill Pike

As a reminder, we meet at WayGone Brewery in the Canterbury Shopping Center on Patterson Avenue. Start time is 5:45, and the program ends by 7pm. The church provides pizza and requests a \$5 donation to help offset the cost. Water, soft drinks, beer, hard seltzer, and wine are available for purchase. You don’t need to be a consumer of alcohol to attend. Questions can be sent to Bill Pike: bpiketrinityumc.net.

ACOLYTE REFRESHER TRAINING

Calling all acolytes! There will be a refresher training on Sunday, April 19th from 3:00 to 5:00pm with Pastor Brian in the Sanctuary. All acolytes are asked to attend.

The team is always looking for new acolytes—students in grades six through twelve are welcome! Please e-mail acolytes@trinityumc.net for more information.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

On March 15, Trinity welcomed 12 new Trinity members through Confirmation. We are thankful!

Polina Payne
Clifford Charles Bridge
Kennedy Buchanan
Adeline Vernon
Clara Vernon
Grayson Weir
Kenley Weir
Tyler Reid
Henry Robinson
Hudson Oakes
Martha Hall
Tate Price



SAVE THE DATE—YOUTH AND GRAD SUNDAY

Save the date! Youth & Graduate Sunday will be May 17 at 10am. Are you graduating from high school, college, trade school, or other this year? We want to hear about it! Visit trinityumc.net/graduates to let us know all about the graduate and upload a photo.

A THANK YOU FROM GOOCHLANDCARES!

On March 23, Carol Wampler took donations to GochlandCares! Donations included placemats, napkins, and medical supplies. Thanks to Nancy Lott for donating placemats and napkins, and thank you to our anonymous donor for a box of medical supplies! Carol says that these gifts make a difference!

Opportunities to serve at GochlandCares continue every month. To learn more, visit:

<https://www.trinityumc.net/blog/2025/10/21/gochlandcares-serving-opportunities>



THANK YOU, WHACKERS!

Thank you to those who came and whacked ivy and performed ground maintenance in March—we appreciate your hard work keeping Trinity beautiful!



RICHMOND METRO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

In 1986, Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity was formed. This year marks the 40th anniversary for Habitat in Richmond.

On February 26, Trinity members Bill Burch, Anne Burch, and Bill Pike had the privilege of attending a 40th Anniversary Dinner at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. At the dinner, there was lots for Habitat to celebrate including recognition of Trinity's funding and building of the Mary Elizabeth Brooks house in 2007.

From now until the end of 2026, Richmond's Habitat for Humanity has many volunteer opportunities and celebrations planned. During this year, Habitat expects home number 400 to be built and finished.

Additionally, May 11-16 will be the Week of Building Hope. Every day that week, Habitat will have volunteer opportunities on building sites and their ReStores. More information on that week can be found at: richmondhabitat.org/40.

If you have additional questions about Habitat and the work they do to provide affordable housing, reach out to Bill Burch or Bill Pike at bpike@trinityumc.net.



Jill's Blankets is hosting their springtime blanket making opportunity at Trinity on Monday, April 27 with three available sessions beginning at 9:30am and ending at 8:00pm. All materials are provided, and blankets will be distributed to those undergoing treatments for cancer. To learn more or register, visit <https://jillsblankets.org>

SPRING FUN

Spring Fest is coming soon! Many thanks to those who have taken a yard sign or signed up to volunteer. Many hands are needed to host this exciting event—featuring 3 bounce inflatables, a petting zoo, a show with Jonathan Austin (“Jonathan the Juggler”), a touch-a-truck, and more! Please share social media posts about this event, invite your neighbors and friends, and sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/4uCWxoA>



Director of Music Ministries, Ben Miller, is preparing for his second Lunchtime Concert, coming on April 14 at 12:15pm. This micro-concert will feature set one of Aaron Copland’s Old American Songs. Learn about the pipe organ and its repertoire in a comfortable environment! A love offering will be received to go towards the organ fund and supporting future concerts.



Trinity is doing a new thing! Join Eric Oguich, our games master and emcee, for an exciting afternoon of fun and simple minute-to-win-it games. Some involve play doh, some involve Hershey kisses, some might involve solo cups—but none of them involve strenuous physical activity! All ages can participate and vie for innovative prizes in an upbeat and silly atmosphere. Grades 3 through age 103 are welcome!

This is a great way for your small group, Sunday School class, or church friends to get together for some fun and team building! The 3M Wednesday night study was the first to sign up—who will be second?! You can register as a team of 6–8 people, or you can register as an individual. We’ll place you on a team!

With questions, e-mail Laura at lmaher@trinityumc.net. To register, visit: <https://trinityunitedmethod-3dkn.subspla.sh/w473v5b>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLIATIONS

The Trinity Foundation is pleased to announce that it will offer scholarships again this year to Trinity members for undergraduate and graduate students. **Applications are due at noon on Friday, April 10.**

Applications are available online at <https://trinityumc.net/foundation>. A paper copy can also be picked up in the Welcome Center. Applications and attachments can be sent to Paula at pcadden@trinityumc.net or mailed to Trinity UMC, attn: Paula at 903 Forest Ave Henrico, VA 23229.

BELLEMEADE PARK MINISTRY

Activities in Bellemeade Park resume this month with the following:

Conserve & Create on Saturday April 4, 9am to noon: This month will focus on light maintenance in the park's vegetable garden area for the upcoming planting season. Open to families!

Saturday Literacy Academy on April 11, 18, and 25, 10am to 12:30pm: students and volunteers mentor elementary school students, helping them with learning skills including math and reading. There is also time for crafts and games, including time in the park when weather permits. This is an ongoing program that takes place at Bellemeade Community Center (1800 Lynhaven Avenue).

Weekday field trips for Richmond Public School preschoolers through second graders will take place on **Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from April 8 through May 29th; 9:45—11:30am**. The children are exposed to nature through learning and playing, and many say: "This is the best day of my life!" Volunteers are needed to set up and support students in discovering nature through playing.

For information on Bellemeade Park, contact Bob Argabright at 804-310-1080 or Steve Werner at 804-869-2246.

OAK GROVE-BELLEMEADE ELEMENTARY

Long-term Reading Need – Oak Grove has a need for a volunteer to read to a small group of two to five second grade students during their reading instruction block. This opportunity occurs weekly between 9:30 – 10:45.

Spring Fling – Oak Grove will be hosting a Spring Fling event on April 16 from 4:30 until 6:00. Volunteers are needed man stations .

Hygiene Kits – This spring, fifth graders at Oak Grove will be receiving lessons on hygiene care and will receive a hygiene kit. Donations of items such as toothpaste, deodorant, wash cloths, soap, and lotion would be appreciated.

Field Day – Oak Grove's Field Day will be on May 22 this year. Volunteers are needed for games/activities, staff support, and more.

SOL Student Gift Cards – Oak Grove students who receive passing scores or higher on their SOLs are entered into a drawing to win fun prizes. Donations of \$5 gift cards for Chick-Fil-A or McDonalds would be appreciated.

Please contact Victoria Wingfield at vwingfield@cisrva.org or **Karen Adams** at kmadams1711@icloud.com for more information.



Holy Week began with Palm Sunday on March 29 and concludes with Easter Sunday on April 5.

This year, we are observing triduum—one continuous act of worship beginning with a **7:00pm Maundy Thursday service**, remembering Jesus’ command to love through word, prayer, and Communion in a meditative style. On **Good Friday, we gather for a 7:00pm Tenebrae service**, marked by scripture, music, and the gradual extinguishing of light as we remember the crucifixion. On **Holy Saturday, there will be a virtual service released at sunset - 7:30pm** on our Facebook, YouTube, website, and app. This short and prayerful worship experience will hold space for silence, waiting, and hope.

Easter will begin with Sunrise Service outside at 6:30am; please bring a lawn chair if you are able. Our modern worship service will take place at 9:00am and our traditional worship service will take place at 11:00am. There will be kid’s programming during the 9:00am service and nursery during both 9:00 and 11:00. You’re also invited to bring flowers to place on the cross!

It is Trinity’s Lent tradition to take up a special offering: the **Lenten/Easter Mission Offering (LEMO)**. This is an extra offering over normal tithes that are distributed to a variety of mission- al organizations through an application process. Among many others, past beneficiaries have included: CrossOver Health, Friends of Barnabas, Oak-Grove Bellemeade, Camp Rainbow, and more. If you would like to contribute, make sure to notate “LEMO” on your offering envelope or check, or use the drop-down menu at trinityumc.net/give.

TRINITY TOOK A LENT PILGRIMAGE!

On Saturday, March 14, 47 travelers took a pilgrimage to Washington, DC! Trinity members were joined by members of Welborne and Good Shepherd United Methodist Churches—as well as some community members—as we traveled to the National Cathedral and the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. We learned so many new things and enjoyed the fellowship. A big thank you to Pastor Brian for driving the tour bus!



AN UPDATE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hello Trinity, and happy spring—I think! Sometimes with the Richmond weather, it is hard to tell the season! Your Finance Committee met on Sunday, March 15, 2026. We covered many important topics including year end financial results and the first two months of 2026, as well as the need for continued transparency with you: our wonderful congregation.

- The “stub year” of July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 was a strong period. We had excellent giving, and our expenses were as expected. This resulted in a net profit of \$192,200 for the 6-month period. Of that amount, \$64,300 was prepaid offering for the year 2026: you always come through! We will hold these pre-payments in a separate fund to be used as needed for normal expenses.
- The remaining net profit, approximately \$127,000, will be added to our Emergency Fund. This fund is to be used in the event of budget shortfalls, unexpected large expenses, and other extraordinary needs.
- January and February were good months, especially considering the most unusual weather we have experienced. Thank you for getting your offerings in despite us not being in church for two Sundays. We ended the two month period with a shortfall of (\$16,000), which is not unusual at this point in our year.
- The Capital Campaign loan is being paid down as your pledges to the Capital Campaign are received. We currently have a balance on that loan of \$259,799.
- The Welcome Center debt also continues to come down with each payment and any extra we can pay towards it. We are currently at a balance of \$609,205.
- You will receive a quarterly statement at the beginning of May.

Did You Know:

We would like for the Emergency Fund to hold a balance to cover 2-3 months of expenses. Our expenses average about \$112,000 per month, which would require a balance of \$224,000—\$336,000. With the addition of the net profit at the end of December 2025, we will have a balance of \$247,676.

As always, thank you for all that you contribute to Trinity in your time, talent, and gifts. We would not be the vibrant, thriving church community that we are without each and every one of you. We are always better together!

SPR-EADING THE NEWS

As defined by The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2020/2024), each church is required to have congregational members form the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC or SPR). Each “SPReading the News” column will focus on some of the 17 required duties, two of which are:

6- “To communicate and interpret to the congregation the nature and function of ministry in The United Methodist Church regarding open itinerancy, the preparation for ordained ministry, and the Ministerial Education Fund.”; and,

7- “To develop and approve written job descriptions and titles for associate pastors and other staff members in cooperation with the senior pastor. The term associate pastor is used as a general term to indicate any pastoral appointment in a local church other than the pastor in charge.”

SPRC Seeks Congregational Response for 2026 Clergy Evaluations

During April-May each calendar year, **SPR** prepares and submits annual evaluations of all clergy to the District Superintendent (DS). This is an excellent opportunity for your voice to be heard! You can provide input to **SPR** at any time by either submitting a written, signed physical letter to the **SPR** box in the main office, or sending an email to SPRC@trinityumc.net. You are encouraged to share your commendations and concerns about staff and clergy with any **SPR** member at any time. **SPR** members are: Wayne Bullis, Jill White, Caroline Cardwell, David Glassman, Joey McPhail, & Bruce Sofinski.

Mark Your Calendar -

April 12: Clergy appointments in the Virginia United Methodist Conference will be announced

June 7: A reception to honor Paula Cadden’s 31 years of service to Trinity UMC will be held immediately following the 10 am worship service.

As is customary, if you would like to contribute to a Love Offering to recognize Paula’s work and dedication, you can do so online, drop your gift in the collection plate, drop off your contribution in-person at the Church Office, or mail a check attention Finance/Elaine Peele. In the memo line indicate “Love Offering/Paula”. If you have any questions, please contact Joey McPhail at Johelen.mcphail@gmail.com

PRAYERS

We offer our prayers and condolences to:

Matthew King after the death of his father, Henry Baskerville, on February 28, 2026.

The family and friends of Jim Shaw, longtime member of Trinity, who died on January 24, 2026.

THANK YOU FROM PAULA

I appreciate each and every one who prayed for me, checked on me, sent me notes, mailed cards, etc... after my fall outside of the sanctuary on Friday, February 13. God provided a hedge of protection around me during my fall, so that I only had slight injuries—a head contusion and a small fracture in my elbow (including a few bruises). I was blessed and I continue to be blessed in the process of my healing and recovery.

Love, Paula Cadden

PASTOR DANIEL'S SPRING STUDY

Pastor Daniel invites all interested to his Wednesday night study from 6-7:30pm. They are studying the Bible as a historical document. The study began on March 12, takes April 2 off, and meets through May 14. To learn more, e-mail Pastor Daniel at: dguenther@trinityumc.net

CREATION CARE: OUR POWER, OUR PLANET

Stop doomscrolling! Yes, climate change is real and a serious concern, but...in this Easter season, look for the good news—it's out there.

Environmental progress is built through everyday action—from communities protecting ecosystems to innovators advancing solutions:

- **No longer forever: new technology breaks down PFAs**—Rice University researchers found an environmentally friendly way to break down these 'forever chemicals' - with the adoption of this technology, we are one step closer to removing hazardous chemicals impacting human and environmental health
- **Brazilian AI system stops deforestation before it happens**—Brazilian nonprofit Imazon has developed an AI deforestation prediction model that has been used to uncover 99% of illegal deforestation since 2021. The model can be used to inform environmental policy and direct government reforestation efforts.
- **Nitrogen Fertilizer Doubles Forest Regrowth Speed**—researchers at the University of Leeds found that when forest soils contain enough nitrogen, tropical forests can regrow twice as fast after deforestation.

These discoveries serve as a reminder that people are doing their part to save the planet, and you can too. We have the power to innovate, using science to understand our natural world and technological advances to protect it. Mark Earth Day 2026 with [Our Power, Our Planet](#), on April 22 and every day to continue promoting scientific progress that helps protect our world.

*Excerpted from article by Saira Ahmed,
Positive News You Can Use: Golden Age of Discovery | Earth Day*

Do what you can, no matter how small it seems. Every action counts. Every voice matters. Imperfect climate action is better than perfect inaction.

Local Earth Day Activities:

- Earth Day at Deep Run Park—4/18 at 10:00am
- Tuckahoe Area Library and Libbie Mill Library: Earth Day Tree Giveaway—4/12 at 12:30-3:00pm
- Earth Day Tree Tours, The Forum, University of Richmond—4/2 at 5:00pm

A TRUSTEES UPDATE

The following Trinity members are your Trustees: John Cardwell, Jim Crowder, Mike Estes, Dan Hildebrand, David Priest (chair), Linda Robinson, Bruce Watson, and Andrew White.

Since January, this team has been working to revise a list of short-term projects. That review also includes identifying funding sources. Here are the projects approved at this point:

- Masonry work to repair brick sidewalks and steps
- Asphalt work to extend the life expectancy of our parking lot surfaces
- Phase 1 interior painting of the Sanctuary, including repair of plaster

A timeline with the contractors doing this work has not been developed.

With regard to the asphalt surface improvements, four pine trees from the west side of the playground will need to be removed. The roots of these pine trees have buckled the asphalt. Properly removing these trees will improve the safety for the playground and parking lot.

The Trustees are reviewing the following projects:

- Replacement of the Trinity Hall roof: this is the section that protects the Sunday School classrooms in that wing
- Three options to reduce maintenance on all hand railings around the building
- Exterior painting of the Sanctuary
- Replacement of the Sanctuary windows

Related to the hand railings and windows, the Trustees want to reduce on-going maintenance cost. We want to eliminate the cycle of repainting hand railings and windows every three to five years.

Additionally, a committee of Trustees has been appointed to review the church's facility use policy including a possible provision to allow profit-making organizations to use our facilities.

The Trustees are developing a long range list of building and grounds projects that will be essential for moving Trinity into the future. A byproduct of that future list of projects has been Mike Estes using his expertise to compile a list of all the projects the Trustees have completed during the last fifteen years. That listing names the project, the contractor, and the cost. The Trustees thank Mike for his diligence.

In closing, the Trustees want to thank the congregation for their support. Without your financial assistance, the building and grounds can't be properly maintained. Any questions related to the work of the Trustees can be directed to David Priest, our chairperson.



United
Women
in Faith

**April 9 at 10:00am
Room 324**



Join us as we focus on building hope, particularly in our climate justice work, by imagining how things could be if we make the changes we know are needed. This is rooted in the work of climate expert Ayana Johnson, author of “What If We Get It Right?”

- How would we feel to focus on what could go right instead of what could go wrong? What would that mean for your work for good in the world?
- What are some of the seeds you bring to life?
- What is one new way we each could “live as if” this year?

Save the Date:

May Banquet on the 14th
Time TBD

Coming Soon:
UMCOR Kits for Conference
May 31

Circle News

Circle 1 – On April 21 we will meet in the Student Center at 10am to prepare 10 gift baskets for Shineforth to give to families at their May Foster Parent Appreciation Event and to continue working on Kids Camp decorations

Circle 4 – On April 2 we will write cards for the Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School students with May birthdays and have a short program on United Methodist Women in Virginia History. We will meet in room 323 at 11am.

Circle 7 –On April 16, we will meet in the Student Center at 7pm to work on Kids Camp decorations

Circle 10 – We will meet at Hondos on April 20, 12:30pm for a planning session

Spring Service Day Update

Thank you to all who contributed items or came on March 12!



21 Easter baking kits for Shineforth foster families



Decorations for Kids



Cleaned kitchens & classrooms



400 Palm Sunday Crosses



250+ items for CrossOver Healthcare



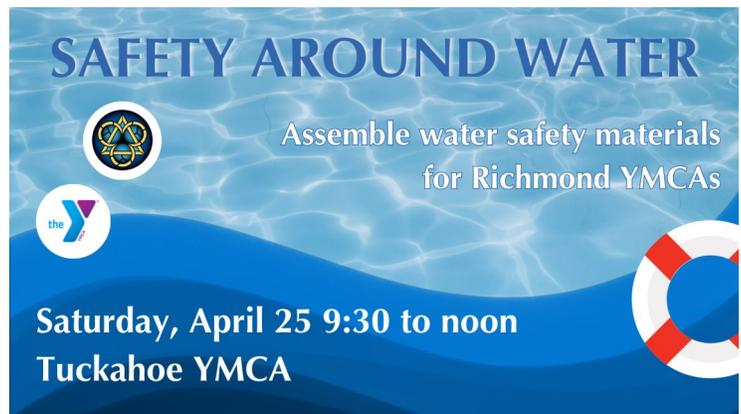
50 felt butterflies for Bellemeade Park

SPRING SERVICE AT THE TUCKAHOE YMCA

In addition to the many mission and service opportunities laid out in this month's Window, we have two new Tuckahoe YMCA events! We hope that you will get involved and help this new mission partner in their preparations for an exciting summer season supporting our area kids.

Drowning is the leading cause of death amongst children age 1-4. One of our mission partners, the Tuckahoe YMCA, addresses this tragedy in part by offering Safety Around Water week. In 2025, SAW week served 1,500 children in the water and 4,000 children on land with activities surrounding water safety.

Our help is needed to assemble water safety tags and package dryland materials for Richmond-area YMCAs. Families are welcome to participate! Children 14 and younger must be accompanied by a parent. 20-25 volunteers are needed. Please register so we know how many helpers we have!



Register here:

<https://trinityunitedmethod-3dkn.subspla.sh/dryvkzc>



Register here:

<https://trinityunitedmethod-3dkn.subspla.sh/zqkmgq>

The YMCA pavilion is a key gathering space for the community, and it needs weatherproofing to ensure it remains safe and functional! Let's help one of our mission partners with this important need before summer camp season by staining the pavilion. Join us for an afternoon of service as we do this important work!

This is an adults-only event, as (provided) ladders will be used. 20 volunteers are needed; please register so that we know how many participants to expect!



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

9AM Worship Hour:

Nursery available for kids under three

Preschool – Elementary: **Kids Church** (kids are dismissed before the first song and return by the last song).

Worship bags are available for kids to use in the worship service.

10AM Discipleship Hour:

Nursery available for kids under three

Preschool – Elementary: **Stay, Pray, and Play** - Kids gather in the sanctuary. Our time starts with Ben Miller leading the kids in music and movement. For the remainder of the time, kids play games or do crafts.

11AM Worship Service:

Nursery available for kids three and under.
Worship bags are available for kids to use in the worship service.



This series kicks off with the greatest news ever—Jesus is alive! But even his closest friends were surprised by what they discovered. Each week, kids will follow the clues in the Bible, looking at the stories leading up to Easter and connecting them to other moments in Jesus' life and ministry. Along the way, they'll see that the Bible isn't just full of clues about who Jesus is—it's the complete story of God's love. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that the Bible says Jesus is alive, the Bible tells us Jesus loves us, the Bible reveals who Jesus is, and the Bible shows us how to share God's love.



Kids Camp 2026 Camper and Volunteer Registrations are now open!!

We now have over 130 kids signed up for Kids Camp; we have paused registration and started a waiting list as we see if we have enough volunteers to accommodate more campers. If you are available to serve, please consider signing up so that we can reach more kids in our community and share the love of Jesus with them!

Kids Camp 2026 is July 6-10 from 9am—12:30pm!

Camper Registration—waitlist :

<https://bit.ly/3YzJRVR>

Volunteer Registration: <https://bit.ly/4r1HEhY>



Kids Church at 9am: <https://bit.ly/4fapSEo>

Stay, Pray, & Play at 10am: <https://bit.ly/3LeOqBJ>



Sign up here to volunteer:

<https://bit.ly/4uCwXoA>



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF...



EASTER

At this point in the school year, life is running at full speed. Spring sports, school projects, \$10 for this, \$10 for that—and right in the middle of it all comes one of the most important holidays of all, Easter.

Easter is when we remember Jesus's death and resurrection, when our sin was paid for by His sacrifice, and the hope of a new life was given with His empty tomb.

It's not something we want to just get through. We want to pause long enough to honor this momentous event, reflect on what it means for our faith, and then celebrate it with our families. Here are a few simple ways to make the most of Easter as a family.

GROW YOUR OWN EASTER GRASS. Avoid plastic grass sticking to your bare feet for the next month by picking up a container of wheat berries and growing your own Easter grass. New growth and the beauty of spring is a good reminder of the message of Easter—of the resurrection, and of our new life in Christ. Look up instructions on how to grow wheatgrass and grow it right in your kid's Easter basket. (Bonus: wheatgrass is a healthy addition to smoothies!)

PLAY THE SHELL CRACK GAME. Make a dozen or so hard-boiled eggs. (Go the extra mile and decorate them as a family!) Have each person choose an egg and face off against another family member. The goal is to smash the small end of one egg against an opponent's. One will crack, while the other won't. The person with the unbroken shell moves on to the next round!

EGG THE NEIGHBORS. The biggest thing we can do to honor the cross is to go and love others. Show your neighbors some love this Easter by making a basket of Easter goodies. Include a slip of paper that says, "You've been egged!" Then, ring the neighbor's doorbell, leave the basket by the door, and run!

MAKE PEEP S'MORES. This one speaks for itself! Heat source + graham crackers + chocolate + Peeps = a family tradition you'll look forward to all year. Because the most fun way to celebrate anything is by making delicious things to eat—together!

HAVE AN EGG HUNT AT NIGHT. Snap some glow sticks and carefully place them in a few plastic Easter eggs along with a Scripture verse or words of encouragement (you may need to tape them shut). Hide the eggs at sunset and wait until it's fully dark to do your glow-in-the-dark egg hunt! After they've been retrieved, enjoy some sweet treats and have everyone read their slips of paper.

A NOT SO GOOD FRIDAY. Good Friday, the Friday before Easter, is when we recognize the day Jesus died on the cross. As a family, gather and tell stories about when something was really bad, even hopeless, but the end result was better than you thought. Share how the disciples thought things were hopeless, that Jesus was dead, but then He was resurrected. Then celebrate by doing something better than your family expects with a surprise dessert.

FOR OLDER KIDS. As a family, read through the final days of Jesus in the Bible. (Read Matthew 21–28; Mark 14–16; Luke 22–24; and/or John 18–20.) Have each person read a chapter aloud. If the story is familiar, challenge everyone to notice something new about the story that they didn't see before and share it. Also, talk about what the story means to you personally.

METHODISM 101

Join us for a 3-week course on Methodism 101: What We Believe & How We're Organized, facilitated by Pastor Brian & Laura! Learn about the theology about what makes us uniquely Methodist, how we're organized on a denominational level, and how Trinity itself is organized. All weeks are stand-alone—if you can't come to all 3, that's fine! Come when you can, and questions are encouraged!

We will meet in the Chapel on April 19, April 26, and May 3 during the 10am Discipleship Hour. A United Methodist Handbook will be provided to all participants. Individuals, as well as entire Sunday School classes, are welcome to join for this special course!

We would appreciate your registration for space planning purposes, but it is not required. If you would like to register a group, please e-mail Laura at lmaher@trinityumc.net.



CLOTHING DROP SPONSORED BY PHASES

Are you tired of carrying around those clothes you keep meaning to donate? Now, you can bring them to church when you come! Phases Sunday School Class will be sponsoring an ongoing Clothing Drop Box in the Welcome Center. All donations will benefit the children of the Oakgrove-Bellemeade community. We will sort all clothes and get them to the mission. Thank you for donating with dignity!

A poster for the 'Oak Grove-Bellemeade Clothing Drop'. The title is in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, the word 'NEEDS:' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The list of needs includes: '-GIRLS CLOTHES AGES NEWBORN TO HIGH SCHOOL', '-BOYS CLOTHES AGES NEWBORN TO HIGH SCHOOL', and '-WOMEN'S CLOTHES'. There are two line drawings of clothing items: a jacket on the left and a shirt with a hat on the right. At the bottom, it says 'Sponsored by Phases Sunday School Class' and 'Collection bin in Welcome Center'.

MAY DEADLINE

Articles for the May edition of The Window are due by April 15.
All articles or questions may be submitted to Laura Maher at lmaher@trinityumc.net.
Thank you!

