



Trinity United Methodist Church
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Henrico, Virginia 23229

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The Trinity Window

PASTOR'S PEN

May is always an interesting month. We are after Easter, but before the summer. Things seem to be simultaneously slowing down and speeding up. Plus, the weather can't seem to make up its mind whether we are still in winter, in spring, or already in summer. As people of faith, our work together never really stops or pauses, yet our busy lives in the months ahead make the next few months seem like we diverge a bit before coming back together in the fall. Now is exactly the time to keep our focus. Now is the time that our work together and our spiritual practices become more important. Listen to each other. Celebrate each other. Encourage one another. Now, while we are all still together, is the best time to solidify what the community of Trinity is all about. That way, when we scatter and come back together, we haven't lost our shared sense of identity.

Through it all is the unifying presence of Christ. His presence unified the scattered disciples after the crucifixion and resurrection. His giving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost unified the disciples in mission and purpose. God has always been the glue behind the people of faith, and when we really acknowledge that, it helps us all be the community we are called to be.

Be the people of God. Be the people of faith. Be the unified body of Christ that is the means by which he brings his light to this corner of the world.

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!



May 19 —Richmond Canal Tour—We will enjoy a trip on the Richmond Canal with Richmond Canal Tours. The cost is \$15 plus the cost of your lunch at Station 2. We will leave Trinity at 11:30am and return at 3:00pm. Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 13.

June 14—Hanover Tavern—We will travel to Hanover Tavern for lunch followed by the play “George Washington’s Teeth”. The cost of the play is \$20, to be paid at registration, and lunch is paid on your own. Our lunch reservation is 11:45am. You can ride the church van or meet us there; there are 14 seats on the van. Registration deadline is Monday, June 1.

August 12—Riverside Center—A Young at Heart favorite! We’ll go to Riverside Center in Fredericksburg to have lunch and see Agatha Christie’s “The Mousetrap”. Departure is 10:00am, and we’ll return at 5:00. The cost is \$80, which includes your meal, tax, gratuity, and the show. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 26.

Save the Date:

- **September 29**—Lunch at Michie Tavern and a stop at Carter Mountain
- **December 9**—Trip to Riverside Center in Fredericksburg to see “A Christmas Carol”

PUB THEOLOGY

We hope you will join us for the last two Pub Theology gatherings for this Spring at WayGone Brewery. Here are the dates and guests:



- **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.

WE'RE HIRING: SHARE WITH YOUR CONNECTIONS

We are seeking a dedicated, detail-oriented part-time Financial Administrator to manage our daily financial operations, accounting, and payroll. This role is crucial to our ministry, ensuring transparency, stewardship, and accuracy in all financial records.

For more information, including responsibilities and how to apply, please see

www.trinityumc.net/jobs

We encourage you to share this information with anyone that may be interested!



CELEBRATIONS COMING SOON!

Join the leadership of Trinity United Methodist Church on **Tuesday, May 12, 3:00 – 4:00pm in the Simms Room at Lakewood** for our quarterly celebration! We will have refreshments, updates on Trinity and Lakewood happenings, a devotion offered by Bill Pike, music, communion led by Pastor Daniel Guenther and - most importantly – opportunities to fellowship with our members who reside at Lakewood!

Join us on **Tuesday, June 2, 3:30 – 4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at Cedarfield** for our quarterly celebration! We will have refreshments, updates on Trinity and Cedarfield happenings, a devotion, music, communion and - most importantly – opportunities to fellowship with our members who reside at Cedarfield!

If you can attend these gatherings, please contact Judy Oguich at joguich@trinityumc.net. Everyone is welcome!

RICHMOND METRO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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

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 bpiketrinityumc.net.

MY STORY: BY MARK DEVLIN, GOOCHLANDCARES VOLUNTEER

As Methodists, we participate in ministries by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. In my busy life before retirement, there was very little time for me to participate in the service aspect of my faith journey. I certainly saw the importance of volunteering, but I had not found anything that I was truly passionate about. Then COVID came, and I realized how delicate our food distribution networks are.

Most of us are very fortunate to be able to go to the grocery store and pick out the fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, dairy and occasional sweet that we want. The costs may go up (and hopefully down), but this just causes us to pick and choose more carefully what we want to buy. We also complain a little bit when items are missing from our favorite food aisle, but we don't have to do without food.

For some folks, just getting food is an issue. Fortunately, there are wonderful organizations like Shalom Farms, Feedmore, and GoochlandCares that fill the void in the Richmond area to supply food to those who need it. In my retirement, now that I no longer have the excuse of "not enough time," I have been volunteering at the Food Pantry at GoochlandCares. Four or five times a month I serve as a courier to pick up food from various grocery stores in the area and deliver them to GoochlandCares. It is amazing to see how generous these grocery stores are with their donations to the Food Pantry.

I also volunteer in the Food Pantry every Tuesday morning. My duties usually include stocking shelves, helping clients pick out what they need from the shelves (the Food Pantry looks very much like a standard grocery store, by the way), and just having conversations with the clients and staff.

On the second Saturday morning of each month, I also join the group of Trinity members who volunteer in the Food Pantry, as often as my family's schedule allows. On these Saturday mornings, we pick up donations from two local grocery stores, deliver them to GoochlandCares, and help shelve the groceries in the Food Pantry for clients to be able to select on Monday morning. We also give the Food Pantry shelves, tables, and carts a good cleaning.

Jesus said in Matthew 25:35 and 40, "*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*" In my volunteer work at GoochlandCares, I now know the true meaning of these words. I can see that my volunteering has enriched the lives of people who suffer from food insecurity. Most of all, my volunteer experience has brought me a long way on my faith journey, since I see Jesus's words in action every time I go to GoochlandCares. I am humbled and proud to be part of this mission at GoochlandCares.

If you would like to join me and a host of other Trinity folks who volunteer at GoochlandCares – please check out the links below. I'd love for you to join!



For information on small group volunteering, contact Brent Belding at brentbelding@gmail.com (Food Pantry) or Pat Rollison at prollo@aol.com (Clothes Closet).

The SignUp Genius to volunteer with Trinity in the Food Pantry & Clothes Closet: <https://tinyurl.com/4c58a7zc>

More information can also be found at <https://trinityumc.net/missions> and <https://goochlandcares.org>

**THANK YOU
FROM
CROSSOVER**

CrossOver Healthcare Ministries sends a HUGE thank you to all who brought items for the clinic at the UWF Spring Service Day! Your generous donations of toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balm, tissues, and combs, as well as nasal spray and hygiene products were greatly appreciated. The more than 250 items donated will make a big difference to all the individuals fortunate to receive them.

THANK YOU NOTE

From Pam Rockhold:
“Many thanks for the kindness shown to me after my recent shoulder surgery. I sincerely appreciate the get well cards and Easter cards [...] Please know that as I continue my recovery, your continued prayers for me have been and will be appreciated.”

BELLEMEADE PARK MINISTRY

Activities in Bellemeade Park this month include:

Conserve & Create on Saturday May 2, 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 May 9 and 16 from 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 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

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. 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.

GOOCHLANDCARES COOKOUT—SAVE THE DATE!

GoochlandCares is planning a **Client Cookout on Tuesday, June 23**. They will need 6-8 volunteers to help with set up, grilling, clean up, and more. There will also be a need for financial contributions to assist with the cost of food. More info to come!

A STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Dear Trinity Family,

I wanted to share an update on our strategic planning journey, **Envisioning Our Future: Building Trinity's Roadmap**.

Since early January, our committee has been meeting diligently twice each month, with the goal to thoughtfully discern where God is leading Trinity. We began with a season of listening and learning—gathering information to better understand who we are today and how we are positioned for tomorrow. Our research spans across many vital topics to better understand the current environment and performance of our church.

What We've Been Examining: To gain a full picture of Trinity's current environment, we reviewed and discussed:

- Our current and historical financial results
- Trinity's stage in the Church Lifecycle
- Attendance trends—both at Trinity and nationwide
- Our building and facility maintenance needs
- Demographics and health of our surrounding community
- How neighboring churches are known in the community
- What makes Trinity Church unique

Listening to Our Congregation: Because your voice matters deeply, we embarked on a series of listening sessions with the many small groups at Trinity. During these conversations, we asked questions designed to better understand:

- Who we are as a church
- What is most important to you
- What is working well
- Where there may be opportunities to grow

We value your insights and are grateful for your honesty, encouragement, and thoughtful feedback.

Early Areas of Opportunity: While our process is still ongoing, we have already identified several areas where we can take positive steps forward:

- **Greater transparency and communication** through regular updates such as recent Window reports from Finance and Trustees
- **Making our Mission and Vision more visible** in our communications and surroundings

- **Deepening our understanding of our Methodist roots** through the launch of a Methodism 101 class
- **Refining our Sunday morning experience** by thoughtfully making adjustments to our services and scheduling to allow more time for fellowship and connection between both services and Sunday School. With careful listening and nuanced modifications, we are hopeful that Sunday mornings will become even more efficient, impactful, and spiritually enriching for everyone!

Looking Ahead to the Next Phase: As we continue forward, we will begin identifying our **strategic pillars** and developing key initiatives that will shape our action plan.

An important part of this next phase is understanding the talents within our congregation. To that end, we plan to launch a **Spiritual Gifts Inventory** for our entire congregation. Stay tuned for details – we will encourage everyone to participate in this process! This will help each of us better understand how God has gifted each of us—and how, together, we can grow as actively engaged disciples of Jesus Christ. We are excited about the learning, connection, and renewed sense of purpose this can bring to Trinity!

Prayerful Consideration: Please continue to keep our Staff, Lay Leadership, Pastors, in your prayers during this season of transition and discernment. We also invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you—and how God is calling Trinity—to faithfully and lovingly live out His mission in our community.

Your questions, ideas, and feedback are always welcome. Please continue to reach out to me or any of our committee members as we *continue together on this journey to build Trinity's roadmap!*

Blessings in Christ,

Stephanie Ford, Chair

Strategic Planning Committee Members:

Rev. Brian Siegle, Senior Pastor
 Andy Beach
 Brad Booker
 Corey Booker
 Caroline Cardwell
 Teresa Given
 Sarah Hall

Ashley Marshall
 Deanna McCullough
 Keith Reynolds
 Porter Shomo
 John Scott Smith
 Art Utley



UMC Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

UMC Vision:

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

TRINITY PASTORAL PROJECTIONS

LOVE OFFERINGS

As is customary, if you would like to contribute to a Love Offering to recognize Paula and Pastor Brian's work and dedication, you can do so online, drop your gift in the collection plate or in-person at the Church Office, or mail a check. In the memo line indicate "Love Offering/Paula" or "Love Offering/Pastor Brian". If you would like to give online, use the drop-down menu to select the correct Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Joey McPhail at Johelen.mcphail@gmail.com.

RECEPTION DATES

June 7—A reception to honor Paula Cadden's 31 years of service to Trinity will be held after the 10am service

June 14—A reception to honor Pastor Brian & Holly will be held after the 10am service.

Associate Pastor & Director of Student Ministries, Rev. Daniel Guenther, is projected to return to Trinity for 2026/27. Minister of Congregational Care, Rev. Judy Oguich, is projected to return to Trinity for 2026/27. Senior Pastor Rev. Brian Siegle is projected to Wesley United Methodist Church in Colonial Heights.

Rev. Regina (Gina) Anderson-Cloud is projected to Trinity beginning July 1. For a full bio of Rev. Anderson-Cloud, see page 9.

TRINITY PROFILES IN MINISTRY

Trinity United Methodist Church is the Mother Church of Methodism in Richmond, Virginia. In 2014, Trinity member Margie Browder conceived of a book compiling biographical sketches of all the ministers who have served Trinity since we were known as "First Church" in 1799. The life stories of our ministers tell the history of the Methodist Church from Francis Asbury and the circuit riders to the global conference in which we participate today. But, they also tell the story of our nation as it developed following the Revolutionary War, through the Civil War, the travails of the Civil Rights Movement and the inclusion of women in ministry. In short, they tell the history of Methodism and the history of our nation.

Margie enlisted Janet Hill and together they combed archives and genealogical records in libraries across the state and online, compiling reams of information on each minister. More than 50 Trinity members then took that information and turned them into more than 120 biographical sketches.

Unfortunately, Margie died in 2016 before the project she conceived could be completed. Both she and her brother-in-law Overton Jones, who died in 2015, requested memorial donations for the project in their obituaries. We are now trying to complete the project that Margie began.

Today, technology allows us to store these biographies and keep them up to date on Trinity's web site. Over months to come, we will be loading them, approximately ten at a time, so that you can read a bit of Trinity's history. When everything is online, a hard copy will be available in the church's library. In addition, we hope to offer Trinity members the opportunity to pre-order hard copies.

We invite you to begin learning about the circuit riders who served alongside Francis Asbury as a small group of Methodist converts built a church. Visit www.trinityumc.net/profilesinministry to read more!

WELCOME, REV. GINA ANDERSON-CLOUD: PROJECTED TO LEAD PASTOR AT TRINITY ON JULY 1

Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud is an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church who has served faithfully in pastoral ministry for twenty-seven years. Over the course of her vocation, she has guided large, mid-sized, and newly planted congregations through seasons of growth, revitalization, and renewed missional engagement. Gina’s ministry is marked by a deep passion for helping faith communities discern God’s vision, nurture discipleship, and embody Christ’s transforming love in the world.

Gina’s heart is especially attuned to those affected by poverty and hunger, with a particular concern for the well-being of children around the globe. She is dedicated to collaborative ministry with laity, mentoring clergy, and advancing ministries that reflect the inclusive and redemptive work of Christ. Her leadership extends beyond the local church, having served in a variety of positions within the Virginia Conference and the broader United Methodist connection, as well as in leadership on mission boards and mission teams at local, national, and international levels.

In addition to her pastoral leadership, Gina is an author and teacher who has developed resources for both clergy and laity. In 2025, she co-authored *Seven Miracles: Signs of Life in the Gospel of John* alongside her staff at Floris United Methodist Church. She is also a contributing author to *Her Faith Still Speaks: Women of the Bible Who Shape Our Faith* (2026), a collection inspired by UnitedWomen in Faith and featuring reflections from fourteen distinguished United Methodist women in ministry. Gina also collaborates with “Big Tent Pastors,” a network of large-church United Methodist clergy who offer denominational leadership, collegial support, and mentoring for emerging pastoral leaders.

Before her ordination, Gina worked in social work and gerontology following her graduate studies at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her early career focused on improving healthcare and wellness for older and vulnerable adults across Virginia and the nation, work that continues to shape her compassionate, mission-oriented ministry.

A native of the mountains of southwestern Virginia, Gina developed a lifelong love of nature and the outdoors. She met her husband and partner in ministry, Rev. Bert Cloud, while studying psychology at Radford University. Together they earned their theological degrees at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and have shared in the joy of pastoral ministry ever since. They are the proud parents of three adult children—Trae, a police officer and U.S. Army Reservist; Danielle, soon graduate with her BSN from the University of Virginia; and Kayana, a criminal justice major and collegiate athlete.

Gina and Bert share their home with Gina’s mother, Jan, along with their beloved dog, Keeva, and spirited cat, Obi. In her free time, Gina enjoys hiking with family and finds grounding in her favorite scripture, Lamentations 3:22–23: “*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases... great is your faithfulness.*”



EARTH DAY LETTER FROM BISHOP SUE HAUPERT-JOHNSON
SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION BY TUMC CREATION CARE



God's Covenant promise made after the flood was to do no harm, to humans and to all of God's creation. Since God promises to do no harm, we, as people who follow the ways of God, we too are committed to do no harm to any part of God's creation. No harm through our wrongful actions, our greed, or our inattention to God's beautiful creation.

Global temperatures are rising dramatically, with each year hotter than the last, as a result of the burning of fossil fuels. In 2024, global temperatures rose to an average of 1.55 degrees Celsius, which is past the 1.5 degrees Celsius lower limit that was agreed upon at the 2021 COP21 Paris Agreement. We are experiencing more severe weather, drought, fires, and flooding, which disproportionately affect those who have least contributed to the problem. Our window of opportunity to change the course of climate change is soon closing.

We can no longer afford to ignore the urgency of this moment. As stated in our Social Principles, "we acknowledge that unsustainable human activities have placed the entirety of God's creation in peril." (Para. 160, pg. 110)

At General Conference 2024 we agreed to: create Green Teams in churches, Districts, and Conferences; implement sustainable practices in managing church properties; commit to Net Zero Green House Gas Emissions; and implement sustainable practices at Annual Conference.

In March 2025 we in Virginia held a Climate Summit, sponsored by the Board of Church and Society. We brought together stakeholders from a variety of churches, districts, and conference boards and agencies to begin working together for change.

Each year people around the world celebrate Earth Day on April 22. The theme this year is "Our Power, Our Planet." How might we as United Methodists use our power to protect the planet Earth?

1. Make Creation Care/justice a priority.
2. Study the issues together, such as Discipleship Ministries' "Loving People and Planet" course.
3. Talk about Creation Care. Preach about it.
4. Establish Creation Care/Green Teams in local churches and in every district – using the Conference Green Church Initiative.
5. Celebrate the Feast of Creation or a Creation Care Sunday.
6. Incorporate caring for creation into the work of evangelism, social concerns, mission activities, stewardship, caring for our structures (Trustees) and worship.
7. Conduct an energy audit of the church, then take steps to improve efficiency and conservation. Energy Star for Congregations
8. Take actions towards Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions through transition to renewable energy sources and divestment from fossil fuels.
9. Advocate for Creation Justice policies and practices at the local, state, and federal levels.

I invite you into this urgent work. Together we can and must work to do no harm to God's world.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Haupt-Johnson".

Resident Bishop



United
Women
in Faith

Kits for Conference Church-wide project led by UWF

The Virginia Conference is collecting relief kits for UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) to be delivered in advance of the meeting in June. Trinity's UWF is leading the drive to deliver our contribution and has set a goal of assembling 250 menstrual hygiene kits this year.

Everyone is invited to participate in one of two ways:

1. You can sign up to purchase items or make a monetary donation for these menstrual hygiene kits on the Amazon Wishlist (coming soon!) right away. Deliver your items to Trinity Hall by Sunday, May 24.
2. Join us in Trinity Hall on Sunday, May 31 at 11:15am to assemble the kits.

Based on last year's overwhelming response, we have every confidence that Trinity will meet this ambitious goal.

Our kits will be delivered on June 6 to the collection point in Richmond. Thank you for being part of this effort, and for being God's hands and feet in the world.

Circle News

As we head into summer and take a break from monthly meetings, our Circles will spend time in fellowship:

Circle 1 – will have lunch at The Grapevine on May 13 at 12:30pm. We will also deliver our 10 gift baskets to Shineforth for their May Foster Parent Appreciation Event.

Circle 4 – will have lunch on May 7 at Frank's West at 11:30am. On Monday, May 11 we will volunteer at the GoochlandCares Clothes Closet.

Circle 7 –will be meeting at The Grapevine on May 21 at 6:30pm. During dinner, Shari Adams will share her experiences at the 2026 UWF Assembly in Indianapolis

Circle 10 – will meet on May 6, 6pm at the home of Bana Caskey for their May Dinner



**May Banquet
May 14, 11:30am
Trinity Hall**

**Speaker: Kip Robinson,
Retired United Methodist Missionary**

Join us for fellowship and learn about UMCOR's work in disaster relief. Bring your favorite sides and desserts to share—we will provide the entrees. All are welcome!

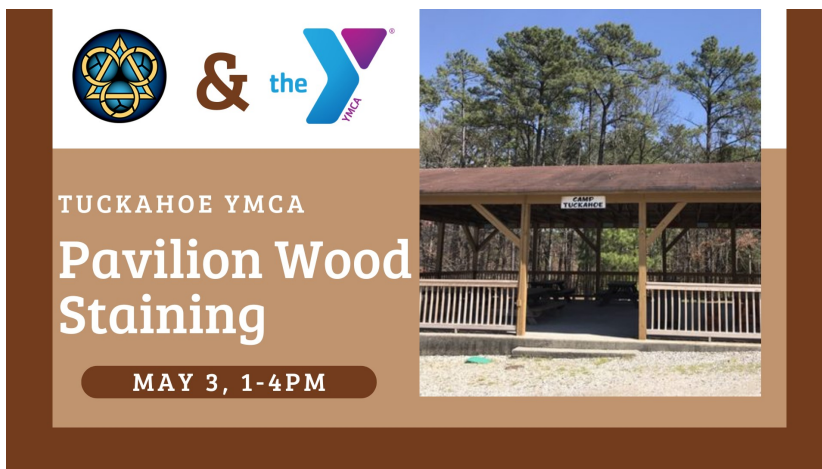
SPRING SERVICE AT THE TUCKAHOE YMCA

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!

Register Here:

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



THANK YOU FROM SHINEFORTH!

A quote from a letter received from Shineforth (formerly United Methodist Family Services):

“Thank you for your donation of \$16,566.67 made on April 10, 2026. We are so grateful for your generous investment in the bright futures of the children and families at Shineforth Child and Family Services. We continue to be blown away by your steadfast support. Thank you for working with us to create bright futures.”



PRAYERS & JOYS

We offer prayers and condolences to:

Kristin Beauregard after the death of her husband, David Beauregard, on February 28.

Peggy Roberts after the death of her sister-in-law, Lillie Mae Lewis, on March 31.

Kathy Barksdale after the death of her husband, Lee Barksdale, on April 7.

We celebrate:

The baptisms of Shepherd Thomas and Beau Daniel Rilee, sons of Bruce Daniel Andrews Rilee and Olivia Esposito Rilee, celebrated on April 19.

Welcome to:

New member Olivia Esposito Rilee, who joined Trinity on April 19.

CELEBRATING ART UTLEY, HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE!

Many congratulations to Art Utley, newly inducted into the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame, class of 2026! Art covered 44 years of high school sports and has over 50 years in the newspaper business. He covered interscholastic activities of the entire Metro Richmond area for the Richmond Leader and later the Richmond Times-Dispatch, expanding coverage of all girl's sports to equal the coverage of boy's sports. His storied career was recognized at an event in Charlottesville on April 19, which several Trinity members attended. We are so proud of Art!



Have a story or celebration that we can share? E-mail it to us at [window@trinityumc.net](mailto>window@trinityumc.net)!

THANK YOU FROM JILL'S BLANKETS

A quote from a card and donation received from Jill's Blankets:

"Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. We are truly grateful for the space you provide and your willingness to let us come and go as we store supplies and prepare for our events. We couldn't do our work without you! Having our events at Trinity feels like home now and you all are amazing at taking care of our set up and tear down. Please accept this donation as a small token of our appreciation. We are so thankful for your partnership!

Bill—you go above and beyond for us. Thank you!"



REMINDER: SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 17

Our summer combined worship schedule begins on Sunday, May 17. We will have one service at 10am. Discipleship Hour will be at 9am. For more information on child programming during this time, see page 14. Volunteers are needed!



What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

(This schedule through May 10)

9AM Worship Service:

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** - Our time starts with 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.

(May 17 – August 16 – Summer Schedule)

9AM Discipleship Hour:

There is no kids programming or nursery at this time during the summer.

10 AM Worship Service:

Nursery available for kids under three

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

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



Summer volunteers are needed for our kids ministry!!

We need two adult volunteers each week for our nursery during the 10:00 service. We also need one adult or high school student to serve in Kids Church with Jen. Please consider signing up here:

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



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>



thank you!

Thank you to all the volunteers that made Spring Fest a success! We had an estimated 400 people come enjoy a petting zoo, show by Jonathan Austin, bounce houses and a bounce obstacle course, the playground, hot dogs and popsicles, touch a truck, outdoor games, and more!



MAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES

Save the Date for two May Lunchtime Concerts:

Tuesday, May 12, 12:15-12:45: the third in our spring series of micro-concerts. Stay tuned to the Weekly Connection and other communication channels to learn more in the days to come!

Wednesday, May 27, 12:15: a special Wednesday lunchtime concert featuring the Garth Newel Piano Quartet. There will be a light reception to follow.



YOUTH AND GRADUATE SUNDAY

On May 17, we hope that you will join us for one very special combined service led by our Trinity Students! JC Brooks will offer a message "So That We May Be One".

We will also honor our graduates at this service. Do you have someone in your family graduating from high school, college, technical school, military training, or other educational pursuits? We want to know! Please fill out the brief form at www.trinityumc.net/graduates no later than May 3!



JUNE EDITION DEADLINE

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