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PASTOR'S CORNER:



The spirit of the Lord is upon me;
I have been anointed to
Release to the prisoners;
Preach good news to the poor;
Recovery of sight to the blind;
To free the oppressed;
And to proclaim this is the year of the
Lord's favor.

Where are you being sent?

To whom are you being sent?

We are, each of us, sent to help people. Most of us are comfortable going to large crowds, but one on one, we can speak and serve and offer Christ. Who in your life needs some companionship and comfort? We are in the season of servanthood and anticipation of the resurrection from pain and death. We are live among some people who are weary and need help; among some people who feel alone or overwhelmed who need some life and joy.

Please share with them.

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March Calendar

FOOD FOCUS

The Food Focus for March is tuna and canned chicken. This food will go to Meadowbrook high school students.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Friday, March 23rd for inclusion in the April newsletter. You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.



Join Us!

The Pastor will be holding a membership class on 2 Thursday nights. On March 8th and March 22nd, the classes will meet in the Pastor's office. Several people are looking to join Trinity. Would you also? We will explore Scripture, Missions, and our place in God's work. The classes will gather in the Pastor's office from 6:30 until 7:30 pm.

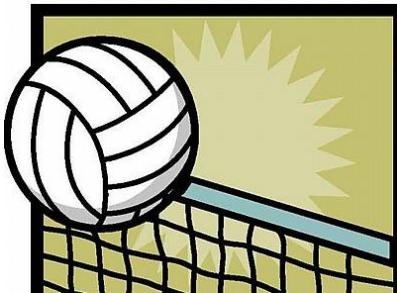


UMW NEWSLETTER ARTICLE – MARCH 2018

The UMW ladies will meet Thursday March 8th at 7:00. Angela Bailey will tell us about making mats for the homeless from plastic grocery bags. Bring a pair of scissors and learn how to cut the bags. Come join us for inspiration and fellowship.

UMW CLOSET CLEANING

It's almost spring and we are cleaning out the UMW closet. This is the large closet in Classroom #1 in the education wing. We found craft supplies and other things which we were not sure who they belonged to or who could use them. If you have something in the closet which belongs to you or you could use some of the craft supplies, please talk to Barbara Smith, Ann Wright or Angela Bailey.



Trinity Volleyball Team

All games are held at
Manchester Middle School
7401 Hull Street Rd,
Richmond, VA 23235

March Games:
9th at 7:00 pm
16th at 6:15 pm 9:15 pm
These are make-up games



Trinity Softball Team

We are currently taking sign-ups for the 2018 church softball team. Season runs April thru August every Friday night.

Holy Week

- Easter Egg Hunt for Children Sunday March 25th following worship.
- Maundy Thursday March 29th Holy Communion Service at Noon
- Good Friday March 30th Tenebrae Service presented by the Chancel Choir at 7pm

Consecration of Acolytes

Part of the Easter celebration this year will be the consecration of new acolytes! We are blessed to have more than 12 young people training to serve in God's house. As part of our response to our living Lord, we will bless and consecrate them on this Sunday.

Confirmation

We will celebrate the confirmation of our Youth on Sunday the 15th of April. Please pray for our youth as they make the decision of how to continue their journey with Christ.

MUSIC *Ministry*

MUSIC NEWS – MARCH 2018

Help to send a child to music camp this summer by supporting the Trinity Talent Show on March 9! Dinner will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. Deborah, Lana, and Mary are preparing some of our favorite foods. The show will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Dave Heird as our Master of Ceremonies.

We have some great acts this year based on our theme “All things bright and Beautiful”. Jackie Sawyer is still looking for arts and crafts to be displayed that night. Show us your talent and handiwork. With events like this we get to know each other better and learn new things about our congregation. All donations received will apply to food costs and sending our children to music camp this summer. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors for a night of fun and fellowship.

The Trinity Chancel Choir and a small orchestral ensemble will be presenting a Tenebrae service on Good Friday, March 30. The service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. The word means “darkness” and commemorates the final hours of our Lord’s life on earth, as he suffered upon the cross. As the 14 candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus and the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it. How great our joy will be on Easter morning as we greet the sunrise and the empty tomb. Come worship with us on Friday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Parents of Cherubs, Angels, and Chimers please mark April 22, 2018 on your calendar for our annual trip to sing at Lucy Corr at 2:00 p.m. This is always a blessed event so please reserve that afternoon for our visit. Also be aware that we will be leading worship on June 3rd with our musical “O Chicken of Little Faith” followed by a church picnic on the grounds.

Thanks for your continued support. Hope to see you March 9th at the talent show!

Blessings, Pat



CHILDREN'S ministry NEWS

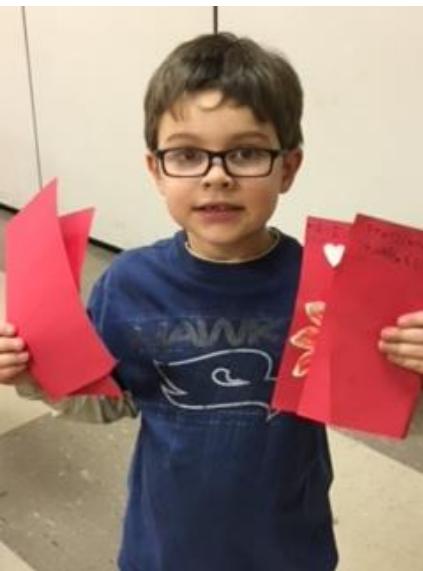
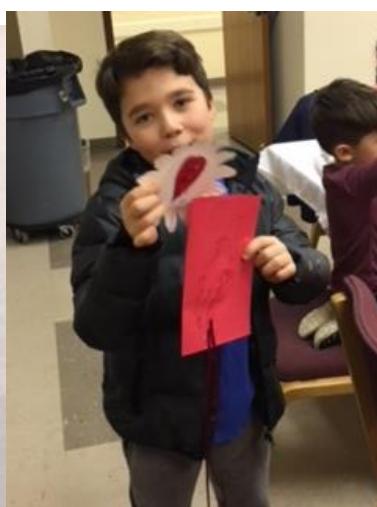
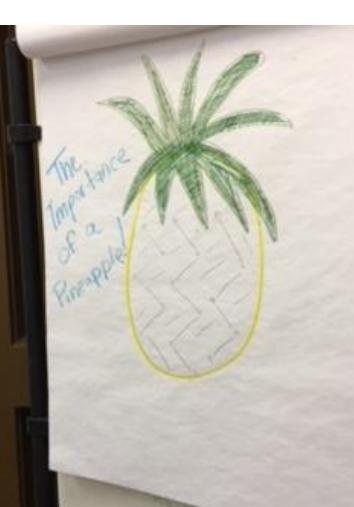


Children Showing LOVE

Thank you to all the children who participated in the Valentines for our Shut-ins fellowship. We enjoyed a yummy dinner of heart shaped pizza and learned the importance of a pineapple. Do you know why having pineapples in church is important? Ask one of our wee ones if you need a hint!

Beautiful valentines were made and sent to our shut-ins. The children enjoyed sharing their joy and love with their fellow church family. Thank you to all of those that helped with the fellowship! (Pictures to follow)







Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon

Please mark your calendars! The Children's Ministry is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25th following the 11:00 Worship Service. Everyone is welcome to hunt eggs, enjoy lunch and fellowship.

Donations of Easter candy are being accepted now thru the 25th and can be placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary. Please remember to consider nut free and gluten free options when making your donations.

The main course will be provided for the luncheon. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish to share. Volunteers are needed to help stuff goodie bags, hide eggs, set up for the luncheon and with food prep. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Stephanye Fuina at 804-651-4470.

Buildings and Grounds

“Spring seems to be coming early around Trinity’s property with small green sprouts and buds wanting to burst into color. So for the next three weeks the old growth will need to be cut back on the landscape.

These tasks can be accomplished during the week or on weekends. They can be done by very small work parties of two or more. Here is the initial list that should be completed.

1. Cut back the Liriope
2. Cut back shrubbery
3. Clear leaves from around shrubbery and planting beds
4. Clean windows inside and out.

During the week, the teams can work at your own schedule. Each Saturday the teams can start at 9 AM.

In all cases, please bring your own tools, gloves and supplies. Enjoy the hard work, sore muscles and fellowship.”

YOUTH GROUP NEWS MARCH 2018

Youth Upcoming events:

3/4; 3/18; 3/25

Thank you for all who have helped and fed us at our meetings! Please let us know if you would like to help or prepare a meal for the upcoming meetings or are able to sit in with us on at the meeting. Committing to one does not mean the later. We have been so blessed by the support of Trinity!

Mulch Fundraiser: ALL HANDS ON DECK

Do you have a truck? Can you lift 30-50 lbs? Can you organize lunch? Hand our orders?

We are embarking in our Spring Mulch fundraiser with the boy scouts at our church! We can deliver to your home or have pick up Saturday 3/10

Please come out and help us by driving a truck or helping us deliver!

We start between 7-7:30 and typically finish after we eat lunch (which is provided ☺)

Please see Krystal if you are interested or email kcofer@vcu.edu

Spring yard sale!

Have some things to declutter? Need to clear out space? Want to donate?

Trinity will be hosting their spring yard sale Saturday May 12th

We will need your gently used/new items! This is our largest fundraiser and have supported our mission trips/retreats/fellowship events.

We will have pick up the Sunday prior. Please start collecting your items and mark your calendars!

We will NEED help the weekend before picking up items; week of sorting; and day of!



Summer Mission trip!

Are you a rising 6th grader or currently youth age (grades 6-12)?

We have reserved spots for Sunday June 17-Saturday June 23rd for our annual mission trip.

The youth decided on Gatlinburg Tennessee and will be traveling with Team effort.
<http://www.teameffort.org/>

We leave Sunday after school ends so the youth are still used to waking up early!

We are excited to have Amber McGuffin coming for her first Trinity youth mission trip!

Please let Krystal know by email kcofer@vcu.edu or call 804-909-3624 for interest/questions/concerns.



EASTER EGGS

It's Easter egg time again at Trinity. We will be making Peanut Butter and Butter Cream again and the price will remain at \$4 per egg. Please only use one form per egg, all order due by Sunday, March 18. We will make the eggs on Tuesday, March 20, and they will be available for pickup on Palm Sunday, March 25. Remember that they make a wonderful little gift for coworkers, friends and family. We personalize them, so they can also be used for place settings at your Easter meal. You pay at the time you turn in the order forms and you can pick up forms in the front narthex. Thank you so much!!

Beth Wilkes and Mary Potter

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MISSION TRIP ALERT
ONE PEOPLE, ONE MISSION
April 27-29, 2018

There is a Mission Trip in the works heading to Fayetteville, NC to help victims affected by Hurricane Matthew. This is not a Trinity sponsored event but it is underwritten by the United Methodist Church Disaster relief. This trip is open to any and all who feel called to help our NC friends get back into their homes. Several families we will be helping are still paying a mortgage as well as rent for temporary housing and they are struggling. This is a non-denominational group which does not require the participant to attend or be a member of any church. There will be a participant fee of \$50.00 per person which will cover food for the long weekend. Most of us will be leaving after work on Thursday, April 26th but we have others who are coming for one day to help. We are open to any and all schedules as long as you can give us one day of work. We will need donations of snacks and continental type breakfast items closer to the date of our trip so if you can't attend donations of these items is appreciated. For further details please contact Cindy Frey at cindyrd@comcast.net and enter in the subject line One People. Thank you for your time.



Trinity UMC People Page

BIRTHDAYS

Help us update our information; if your birthday is this month and you are not listed, please notify the office so we won't miss you again!

March 1	Les Morgan
March 2	Lucy Shields
	Matthew Saunders
	Amber Schneider
March 6	Gerald Moody
March 9	Carolyn Wilson
	Elizabeth Kump
March 10	Peggy Farrar
March 11	Corey Sapp
	Brenda Shepherd
March 12	Hillary Shields
	Emily Shields
March 14	Evelyn Cox
March 16	Guy Cash
March 17	Pat Trombley
	Alyssa Lively
March 21	Dylan Day
March 23	James Miller
March 24	Peyton Roach
March 26	Joe Sellers
March 28	Angie Parrish
March 29	Bert Watson
March 30	Dorothy Taylor
	Rachael Linkous

March 31 Bobby Farmer
 Madeline Sawyer

MARCH SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

MONEY COUNTERS:

March 5 & 12
Dana Potter & Brenda Shepherd
March 19 & 26
Dana Potter & Sarah Bishop

SOUNDBOARD:

8:30 Service
Lucas C & Karen K
11:00 Service
Carroll S & Dewey C

USHERS:

March 11
Jane C, Faye C, Jeff R
March 18
Ann W, Brenda S, Tom R
March 25
Kim P, Linda C, Mary P

ACOLYTES:

March 11
Katie Griffith
March 18
Ian Pollard
March 25
Meredith Lively

Communion Stewards:

April – Sarah Bishop
May – Boopie & Pat Murdock
June – Sunday school class
July – Sarah Bishop
August – Boopie & Pat Murdock
September – Sunday school class
October – Sarah Bishop
November – Boopie & Pat Murdock
December – Sunday school class

Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Contemporary Service • 9:45 am Sunday School
 11 am Traditional Service • 4 pm Odyssey & Chimes
 • 5 pm Angels & Youth Group • 6:15 pm Confirmation

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If you have items to add to the calendar,
 please let the office know

by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or phone at 748-2439.

Wednesday Schedule

5:45 pm Children's Choirs
 7 pm Men's Chorus • 7:30 pm Choir

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 pm AA	2	3 8:30 am UMM 4 pm Sanctuary Setup (Help needed)
4 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	5 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	6 6:30 pm Sr Girl Scouts 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	7 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i>	8 6:30 pm Membership Class 7 pm UMW 7 pm AA	9 6 pm Talent Show (Please Park by Marco's, church van will shuttle you over) 7:00 pm Volleyball	10 Youth Mulch 6:30 am
11 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> *No Youth Group, Confirmation class meets during Sunday School*	12 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	13 10 am Homeless mat workshop with Angela 5:30 pm VBS Volunteer Parent Meeting 7 pm Scouts/Praise Team	14 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 7 pm Acolyte Training	15 7 pm Council 7 pm AA	16 6:15 pm Volleyball Office closed today	17
18 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> *Easter Egg and Easter Flower forms due* 4 pm Community Fellowship Hall Mtg.	19 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	20 <i>Kitchen reserved all day for making Easter Eggs</i> 6:30 pm Sr Girl Scouts 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	21 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 6:30 pm BSA District Mtg	22 6:30 pm Membership Class 7 pm AA	23 10 am Fire Alarm Testing NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24
25 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> Easter Egg Hunt follows 11 am Worship	26 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	27 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	28 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 7 pm Acolyte Training	29 12:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7 pm AA	30 7 pm Tenebrae Service	31



March

- 9th – Church Talent Show (Please park by Marco's)!
- 10th – Mulch distribution by the youth
- 13th – VBS Volunteer Parent Meeting at 5:30 pm
- 15th – Council at 7 pm
- 25th – Easter egg hunt after the 11 am worship service
- 29th – Maundy Thursday Communion at noon
- 30th – Tenebrae Service at 7 pm

April

- 1st – Easter Services at 6:30 am & 11:00 am
- 27th – 29th – Mission Trip to Fayetteville, NC

May

- 12th – Church Yard Sale