



THE RIDER

Trinity United Methodist Church

PASTOR'S CORNER:

February 2018

Volume MMXVIII Issue II

6600 Greenyard Road
(at Ironbridge Road)
Chester, VA 23831
(804) 748-2439

www.trinity-umc.com
www.facebook.com/TUMC.Chester

EMAIL DIRECTORY

Church Office • Shannon McGuffin
trinity@trinity-umc.com

Pastor • Rev. Teresa Keezel
trinityrev@trinity-umc.com

Music Director • Patricia Madison
piano4mom@gmail.com

Praise Team Leader •
Turner Wilkes
Twilkes86@hotmail.com

Prayer Group
prayer@trinity-umc.com

Treasurer • Janice Ellis
treasurer@trinity-umc.com

IN THIS ISSUE

Pastor's Corner A Season of Missions

Notes and Updates • Food Focus •
Newsletter Deadline • Join us! & UMW •
Volleyball & Audit • Flower Calendar •
Baptism • Music & Thank You card •
Children's Ministry News • Easter Eggs &
Acolytes • Missions • Pastor's Message •
Birthdays & February Servants of Worship •
Calendar • Young at Heart & Trustees •
Looking ahead

February Calendar

A Season of Missions

As we all know, Trinity is heavily involved in missions. And this year our Leadership approved one of the biggest mission budgets ever. The proposed budget is \$31,300.

To help accomplish these goals we are encouraging people to donate to the Missions during Lent. Please make sure you mark you checks in the memo field "Missions".

Going on a mission trip this year? Give now to help cover costs for food. Take the money that you would give if someone came in the door at church and needs gas or a place to stay and put it in the Missions pot!

We have started working on the Jeff Davis/ Rte. One Corridor program. One of our goals is to provide fruit at \$35.00 a week for their meal programs. This is just one way we can chip in to bring this into fruition.

Please, consider giving something extra for our missions programs during Lent. Mark the memo on your check as Missions. We will be taking up special offerings for these programs throughout the year but we are making a concerted effort during Lent. As Christ gave to us; so we give to others.

Spread the blessing...

Funds raised in excess of any single goal will be used by the Missions ministry toward other committee goals.

FOOD FOCUS

The Food Focus for February is canned soup and ramen noodles. This food will go to Meadowbrook high school students.



Join Us!

The Pastor will be holding a membership class on 3 Thursday nights. On February 22nd, 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 til 7:30 pm.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Trinity UMW cordially invites the women of our church to join us on Thursday, February 8th for dinner. We will be meeting at 6:00 p. m. at Antonio's Restaurant on Rt. 10 in the Wal-Mart shopping center. After a short meeting we will enjoy food, fellowship and friends. Come join us! If you plan to attend please let Ann Wright know by (790-0403 or davidandannw@gmail.com)



Trinity Volleyball Team

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

February Games:

2nd at 7:45 pm

9th at 8:30 pm

16th at 9:15 pm

23rd at 6:15 pm and 7 pm

(Final games of season)



*The Baptism of SAMUEL RYDER will take
 place on Saturday, February 17th at 3pm in
 the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.*



Audit Committee

The church is looking for a couple people to help with the audit. We have someone to do the general fund audit but need help with the Sunday school and other groups. Thanks.



2018 Flower Calendar

The new Flower Calendar for 2018 is posted on the bulletin board for sign up of Sunday flower arrangements in memory or honor of someone special in your life. The arrangements are \$35 each and can be taken home after the 11:00 service. Please check the calendar early so you can sign up for your preferred date. If possible we would rather not have more than two arrangements per Sunday. Contact Lucy Shields if you have questions.



MUSIC NEWS – FEBRUARY 2018

The Trinity Chancel Choir will be presenting a Good Friday service on March 30, at 7:00 p.m. This service is a Tenebrae by Hal Hopson with narration, music, and congregation participation. It takes us through that last day of Christ's life. Being a part of this service will make the joy of Easter Sunrise even more meaningful. Please join the choir and instrumental ensemble for this Service of Darkness.

The Trinity Talent Show is March 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The theme for this year's show is "All Creatures Great and Small", and we have some real critters! Deborah Napolitano and Mary Palmer are in charge of food which will be served beginning at 6:00. With the theme, you can count on "chicken" as part of the meal. The show will begin at 7:00 p.m. with members of Odyssey opening the show. We have some great participants already but need more acts, so please volunteer to sing, dance, do a skit, read a poem, gymnastics, or play an instrument. Come share you talent for a good cause and have a night of fun and laughter. Jackie Sawyer is in charge of the Art Display so let her know what you can contribute! It can be paintings, quilting, woodwork, etc. We would love to see your creations! All donations from the show will go toward sending youth to music camp this summer. It is always a wonderful night of fun and fellowship so come and bring your neighbors and friends.

Please read the lovely note the Trinity Belles received for ringing at the Jefferson over the Christmas Holidays. We have a wonderful scrapbook which has been created and maintained by Karen Poole that tells our wonderful history as a group. Please look for this book which contains 29 years of events and service among the Art Display on the night of the Talent Show, March 9th. What a joy in my life to have the privilege of working with this group now starting its 30th year! Thank you for the years of sharing your time and talent. We will be part of the service on February 18th. [\(Letter will be at the end of the music article\)](#)

Pat Shrader is here every Sunday working with the chime group. Please know that she needs your faithful attendance to accomplish our music reading goal. All chimers please report to Pat this Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

With practice, the group can participate in a service soon. We are also taking the chimes to Lucy Corr on April 22nd along with the Cherubs and Angels. Please put this date on your calendar!

Odyssey is working on sponsoring the Talent Show and working on anthems to sing in church. All Youth are invited to join us at 4:00 p.m. every Sunday afternoon.

Our Cherub group is growing with some new little ones. We are participating in the Talent Show. Come and see us with our Mickey Mouse ears! We are also ringing bells, singing, and playing rhythm instruments on Wednesday nights with story and craft time with Ms Janet Collins. All are welcome!

Our Angel Choir has begun working on the new musical "O Chicken of Little Faith". We are now learning songs and choreography, so come and be a part of this learning process. New kids are welcome! Parts will be assigned later in March. The children's program is scheduled for June 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a church picnic on the grounds. Please mark this date on your calendar. We hope that you will join us!

Blessings, Pat

January 15, 2018

Dear Ms. Madison,

I have never known The Jefferson to be more beautiful than it was during the concert by Trinity United Methodist Church of Chester. Decorations were all in order, guests were strolling in the lobbies and your bells were playing. A lovely, relaxing way to end the Christmas season.

We thank everyone who participated for giving their time and talents to this event. I hope we can do it again next year.

To all of your members -

Happy New Year!

It really was impressive.

Mary Stuart Cruickshank



The Rice Goes Last

By: Stephanye Fuina

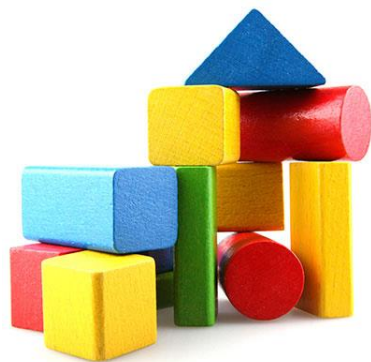
THANK YOU! GRACIAS! MERCI! DANKE!

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered in the 2nd Annual Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event. It was such an amazing afternoon of fellowship and mission work. There were so many helping hands of all ages and we packaged 35,000 meals for those who are chronically hungry. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to purchase not only the meals but also the water filtration buckets that go along with the meals. So many people will have a nutritious meal and clean water due to your generosity. Please enjoy the attached photos from the event and I look forward to seeing you all back next year. **Rise Up Trinity!!**



Please go to the [Trinity Facebook page \(https://www.facebook.com/TUMC.Chester\)](https://www.facebook.com/TUMC.Chester) to see all of the photos and videos that were taken of this event.

Paid Nursery Worker



The Church Council has approved a position for a paid nursery worker to cover both the 8:30 and the 11:00am worship services. The person will be paid \$100.00 a week. If you know someone who would be interested, please contact the office for a complete job description.



Let's Make Valentines!

Children's Fellowship on February 9th 6:00-7:30. All children are welcome. We will make Valentines for our shut-ins. If you know someone who would enjoy receiving a Valentine from TUMC Children, please notify Stephanye at childrensministry@trinity-umc.com or 804-651-4470. If you would like to volunteer to help with the craft and/or dinner for this fellowship, please contact Stephanye. Please RSVP if your child is going to attend.



EASTER EGGS

It's Easter egg time again at Trinity. We will get the order forms out on Sunday, February 25 and you will have 3 weeks to turn in the orders. 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. 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



Wanna be an Acolyte?

Do you have a child that is interested in becoming an acolyte? The acolyte is the child who assists in worship. The responsibilities include lighting the candle, helping with the offering, assisting with communion, and more. We are looking at holding a 15 minute training for several weeks following the Wednesday night children's music practice. If interested, please contact the office.



Missions

Wow! Rise Up Against Hunger was an awesome event, and so many came to be involved! Please find a way to get involved with some of our other missions this year! There are some boards in the Narthex describing our current mission projects. Trinity has many missions' opportunities going on throughout the year! We are involved in the Miracle Café at least 2 nights a week, and would love more members to join us in feeding a meal to those in need on Wednesday and Friday nights, or contribute fresh fruit or money toward fresh fruit to be taken there weekly. There will be a Mission trip April 26th-29th to Fayetteville, NC. Sign up on the clip board in the sanctuary or contact Stephanie Griffith for more information. Food items like peanut butter and cereal are always needed for the Meadowbrook Food Program, and a table is in the Narthex to receive these items. Some of our members turn grocery store plastic bags into mats for homeless, and more bags and hands are always helpful. This can be done from your couch or in fellowship with your Trinity family. I won't list everything here as one of the last few newsletters had a big overview of all our current missions, and I want people to take time to look at the mission boards displayed in the Narthex. We are also always open to new mission opportunities, so please bring us your new ideas, support our current missions and prayerfully consider giving to Missions during this Lent season....to help us to help so many others in the name of Christ. We are his body in this world, and are here to do his good works and spread his unconditional love.

- Stephanie Griffith

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.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**"But God shows his love for us in that
while we were yet sinners Christ died for us"
Romans 5:8**

"The central deficit of evil is not the sin but the refusal to acknowledge it." Scott Peck.

There is a parable...between a tax collector and a religious person. The religious person stands for all to see and thanks God that he is not like all "those sinful" people. The sinful person goes and bows to God sorry that he cannot get his life together. Where are you on this spectrum?
Religious person /-----/Can't get the sin out

In any parable, the questions are who is God in this story and who are you. The truth is that none of us love God with everything we have. The truth is that none of us is without sin. We try to rank the sins. Some of the sins are ranked on 'holiness' issues. Some are ranked on how many people get hurt. Some on how public the misstep is. But the truth is that all of us HAVE and do miss the mark. We DO miss the mark.

On Valentine's Day, we enter Lent. 40 days. Take the Sundays out and Lent lasts 40 days to get us to Easter. During this time, we are to reflect on how 'but for the grace of God, there goes me.' Some of us have been blessed in so many ways. For some of us, life has not been as easy. I am asking us to try something during Lent.

Let us just suppose that the Scripture is right and that you and I ARE the 'Good News'. And that God is sending you and me out into our lives to heal and touch other people. What if, each of us during Lent, we looked for someone to do good for? What if, we did not judge the worth of someone, whether they deserved us to be generous, but what if we were generous anyway? You know, loving them while they may still be sinners just like God loves us while we are still sinners.

In the parable, God shows favor on the sinner who knows he sin. He disregards the sinner who does not know that he is one. So be careful. Be truthful. And be loved.

Teresa

(Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm)

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!

Feb 1 Darleen Morgan
Feb 3 Isabelle Clarke
Feb 5 Cecil Burley
Anthony Lively
Feb 7 Gary Poythress
Feb 8 Eric Rasmussen
Feb 9 Rodney Shields
Feb 10 Katie Haley
Feb 12 Lucas Griffith
Alexis Bailey
Katie Griffith
Feb 13 Mark Saunders
Claude Springfield
Feb 14 Suzanne Saunders
Feb 17 Faye Cormier
Feb 18 Henry Sawyer
Feb 19 Barbara Linkous
Jack Ball
Angela Rasmussen
Feb 20 Maurice Linkous
Feb 25 Ronald Cash
Tom Kennedy
Joshua Lisagor
Feb 27 Sally Love

FEBRUARY SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

MONEY COUNTERS:

February 5 & 12

Dana Potter & Ed Cole

February 19 & 26

Dana Potter & Georgina Foster

SOUNDBOARD:

8:30 Service

Lucas C & Karen K

11:00 Service

Carroll S & Dewey C

USHERS:

February 11

Jane C, Faye C, Jeff R

February 18

Ann W, Brenda S, Tom R

February 25

Kim P, Linda C, Mary P

ACOLYTES:

February 11

Lilly Asbell

February 18

Katie Griffith

February 25

Katie McGuffin

Communion Stewards:

March– Sunday school

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

February 2018

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 7:45 pm Volleyball	3 8:30 am UMM
4 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	5 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	6 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	7 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> Young at Heart (van) to Riverside Theater	8 6 pm UMW at Antonio's 7 pm AA	9 6 pm Children's Fellowship 8:30 pm Volleyball Youth Retreat (van)	10 Youth Retreat (van)
11 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> Youth Retreat (van)	12 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	13 10 am Homeless mat workshop with Angela 6 pm Shrove Tuesday 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	14 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 12 pm & 7 pm Ash Wednesday Services	15 7 pm AA	16 9:15 pm Volleyball	17 3 pm Ryder's Baptism
18 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	19 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	20 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	21 <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 6:30 pm BSA District Mtg	22 BLUE & GOLD SETUP IN SANCTUARY 6:30 pm TNL 7 pm AA	23 6:15 & 7:00 pm Volleyball BLUE & GOLD SETUP IN SANCTUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 BOY SCOUTS BLUE & GOLD BANQUET
25 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	26 6 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>			

YOUNG at HEART

We are a vibrant group for folks 55 and over who are looking for some Christian fellowship.

Wednesday, February 7th to Riverside to see Mama Mia. Advance Tickets required. Church van departs at 10 am.

Wednesday, February 28th meeting at Deborah's house. 9325 Creasman Drive, North Chesterfield. 11:00 am.

Any questions, contact Deborah by email: allmynaps@gmail.com.

Trustees

The Board of Trustees elected the following officers:

Mr. Mike Sawyer, Chairman

Mr. Gary Potter, Vice Chairman

Ms. Kathy Baskin, Secretary

An Eagle Scout candidate, Mr. Braeden Jepsen, presented for conceptual approval his Eagle Scout project to upgrade the area around the pavilion to include a patio, a fire pit, and appropriate landscaping.

The board is pursuing a refurbishing of the church sign located within the right-of-way of Route 10.

The board recommended that any nursery worker be hired through the normal SPR process and comply with the background check process.

Over the next year, the board will be planning and implementing several capital maintenance replacement products on church grounds. These improvements will include, but are not limited to, the following items: roof repair, exterior painting, sidewalk repair, HVAC replacement, parking lot repairs and striping. If you're interested, in learning more about these important improvements, please attend our meetings this year and we would welcome your input, expertise prayers, and involvement.



February

9th – 11th – Youth Retreat to Wakefield
13th – 6 pm Shrove Tuesday Dinner.
14th – Ash Wednesday Services at noon & 7 pm.
17th – Ryder's Baptism at 3:00 pm
22nd – Thursday Nite Lite at 6:30 pm
24th – Blue and Gold Banquet (Scouts)

March

9th – Church Talent Show
30th – Tenebrae Service at 7 pm

April

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