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Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh

When the Magi located the infant Christ in Bethlehem, they honored him with wonderful, extravagant gifts. Of course, as you may have heard, if they had been 'Wise Women' they would have brought diapers, formula and a casserole, practical gifts.

The Wise People of Trinity were practical and abundantly generous this holiday season. From Thanksgiving through Christmas, you made the season better and brighter for many, many people. Here are some of the ways you did this:

- CCHASM Thanksgiving – 38 grocery bags, 21 gift cards and \$1,785 cash gift – over \$4,000 value
- CARES Christmas – Gifts for 25 people and almost \$3,000 donated to the agency for ongoing client assistance – total value over \$9,000
- UMFS Christmas Eve Offering – over \$2,200
- Bellwood Christmas – gifts for 11 children
- Feliz Navidad with Chester UMC – gifts for 7 children
- Staff Christmas – generously gave over \$4,000 for Trinity staff

I give thanks to God for you: difference makers, life changers, community builders, Jesus followers.

Happy Epiphany!

Pastor Alan

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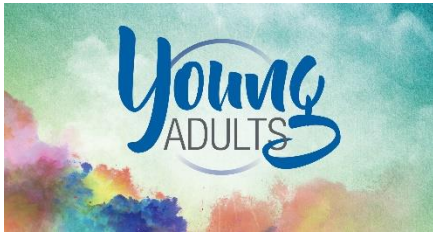
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Newsletter Deadline

Please email all news,
pictures and
articles to the
office by Sunday,

January 28th for inclusion
in the February 2024
newsletter *date is subject to
change.* Please send all
items by email to
trinity@trinity-umc.com



Our Young adult group
(ages 18-30) meets once a
month. In January, they will
be meeting on Wednesday,
January 17th at 6:30 pm.



Communities in Salem Church Middle School

Your support of the Communities in Schools program has been fantastic! Here are some of the things we did before winter break.

- You know the Big Baskets in which we gather supplies for SCMS? We have collected and delivered a DOZEN basketfuls of hair products, hygiene items, attention tools, and clothing.
- We delivered three large totes of like-new clothing.
- We provided Christmas for four children
- We obtained and delivered 25 winter coats
- We provided critical need clothing for two students
- We provided 30 or so pairs of gloves
- We served breakfast one morning to the entire 110 person staff!
- We provided assistance to a high needs class one day which led to a 1:1 weekly tutoring relationship

In addition, some of us will be moving over to help at Bellwood Elementary School this winter. Thanks to all who are supporting this ministry into our community.

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Ah, January! A time to recover from concerts, cantatas, parties, and other festivities. Unless you're part of the music department!

All music groups from Children to Bells to Adult choir and Sparrows all resume this month. A joyful sound will certainly be heard around the building on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays!

There is one big change: The Bass Clefs are back! This is a men's group of choir members and any gentleman of either service who would like to participate. We will meet each Wednesday from 7-7:30 beginning Jan 10. We will sing pretty much any genre, from gospel to contemporary. Come join the fun! (If you can't commit to every Wednesday, come when you can.)

People will insist on telling me "You don't want me in the choir," or "I can't sing." This is what King David has to say about that: Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

PS 100:1-2

Joyous Blessings for the New Year!

- Rachel



Trinity Leadership Board News!
January 2024

The Trinity Leadership Board is gearing up for 2024 with a planning session on Saturday, January 13th. We will be setting goals for 2024, reviewing the TLB structure, Guiding Principles, and Leadership Covenant. Our first meeting scheduled on January 18 will be replaced by the Refresh Revival at VSU – see info from Pastor Alan in this newsletter. We would like a LOT of Trinity participation, so plan to join us!

I wish to thank the outgoing TLB members who served in 2023: Eric Rasmussen, Richard Wilkes, Bob Cassada, and Nadine Syrett. Their leadership and contributions to the Board were very welcome. New incoming Board members are Shelby Beck Coleman, Vicki Burke Byrd, Carroll Shepherd, and April Brockman.

Trinity's Leadership Board and contact information is listed below:

Class of 2024:

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Carroll Shepherd:
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April Brockman:
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The Ministry Teams are not part of the Leadership Board but are vital to the continuing ministry and mission of the church. Your Ministry Team Leaders as either appointed by Alan or voted by team members are:

Missions: Stephanie Griffith
Christian Ed: Judy Brynildsen
Children: Vickie Weber
Youth: Turner Wilkes
Worship: Lucy Shields
Congregational Care: Mary Potter
Buildings and Grounds: Gary Potter
Child Protection Team: Kathy Harmon

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The Board is both humbled and excited to ensure the church's administrative processes continue in order to fulfill the ultimate mission and Great Commission. We covet your prayers for clarity, for compassion, for empathy, for energy, and for enlightenment.

Cheerfully in Christ, with blessings ahead!

Ruth Allyn

Chair, Trinity Leadership Board

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Trinity UMC 2024 Leadership

Leadership Board

2024

Kelly Wright
Judy Powell
Gary Potter
Tim Ruxton²

2025

Ruth Allyn², Chair
Deborah Williamson
Nicholas Passaro
Amber McGuffin

2026

Shelby Beck Coleman
Vicki Burke Byrd
Carroll Shepherd
April Brockman

¹ *Annual Conference Delegate*

² *Lay Leaders*

Nominations Committee

2024

Ann Wright
Tom Baskin

2025

Katie McGuffin
Bill Poole

2026

Shelley Smith
Eric Rasmussen

Ministry Team Leaders

Missions
Christian Ed
Children
Youth
Worship
Congregational Care
Buildings and Grounds
Child Protection Team
Communities in Schools

Stephanie Griffith
Judy Brynildsen
Vickie Weber
Turner Wilkes
Lucy Shields
Mary Potter
Gary Potter
Kathy Harmon
Pastor Alan

2024 Budget

Item	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% Change
Loose Plate	6,300		
Contributions	337,950		
Sunday School	230		
Other Income	0		
Fundraising / Forgiven PPP Loan			
Flowers / Fruit	1,750		
Interest	6,500		
Income – Other	0		
Total Income	352,730	360,000	2%
Parsonage Exclusion	0		
Pastor Salary	67,266	69,284	
Choir Director/Organist	30,105	24,084	
Early Service Music Dir	6,146	6,330	
Music Accompanist	6,146	11,274	
Treasurer	5,854	7,000	
Secretary	16,616	17,114	
Media Staff	3,511	3,616	
Nursery Staff	5,762	5,762	
Soc Sec / Taxes	5,672	4,661	
Workers Comp	850	850	
Accountable Reimb	incl above		
Pastor Housing Allowance	18,000	18,000	
Annual Conference – Pastor	500	600	
Annual Conference – Deacon	500	-	
Annual Conference – Delegate(s)	500	600	
Health Benefits – Dir Music			
MPP / CPP (Pastor)	14,000	13,659	
Personnel Expenses – Other	4,000	-	
Continuing Ed – Pastor	1,000	1,000	
Continuing Ed – Music Dir	500	1,000	
Subtotal Personnel Exp	186,928	184,834	-1%
Building & Grounds	9,900	5,190	
Capital Improvements (5 Yr Plan)	24,000	24,000	
Eagle Scout Project			
Insurance	7,450	7,700	
Trash	1,204	2,100	
Janitor	12,612	12,000	
Janitorial Supplies	500	150	
Kitchen Paper Products	500	500	
Professional Fees	0		
Electric	13,860	13,860	
Telephone			
Water / Sewer	1,100	1,100	
Utilities	3,800	3,800	
Van	1,000	1,300	
Phones		-	
Property Taxes	50		
Capital Repairs	0		
Child Protection	0	300	
Trustee Expense – Other	0		
BSA Expense	0		
Subtotal Trustees	75,976	72,000	-6%
Communications	650	650	
Fin Secy & Treasurer	4,700	5,600	
Office Supplies	1,500	2,000	

Copier & Supplies	5,200	3,000	
Advisory Fees – Spec Needs	2,500	3,300	
Advisory Fees – Other Inv.	1,000	2,000	
Adm Expense – Other	0		
Financial Audit		5,000	

Subtotal Admin Exp	15,550	21,550	28%
Conference Apportionments	42,336	48,600	
District Apportionments	4,992	6,192	

Subtotal – Apportionments	47,328	54,792	14%
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	1,000	1,000	
Evangelism	1,500	1,000	
Member Care	500	500	
Sports Teams	500	500	
Church Dinners	1,000	2,000	

Sub Member Care & Evang	4,500	5,000	10%
Mission Trip	5,000	4,800	
Sunday School	3,000	2,500	
Vacation Bible School	750	500	
Bible Studies	200	500	
Children – Other	0	1,500	
Youth – Other	700	2,700	

Sub – Next Gen Ministries	9,650	12,500	23%
Music – Cherub & Angel Choirs	0	1,100	
Music – Bells	400	380	
Music – Chancel Choir	0	3,175	
Music – Youth Choir	50	-	
Music – Other	2,000	1,075	
Music – Praise Team	0	1,000	

Subtotal – Music	2,450	6,730	64%
Flowers / Fruit	1,750	1,400	
Guest Speakers	1,500	1,000	
Worship – Other	3,000	2,875	

Subtotal – Worship	6,250	5,275	-18%
A Place of Miracle Cafe	0		
Local Missions	0		
Kairos	0		
Bellwood Christmas	0		
Cancer Patients Help	0		
CARES Shelter	0		
CCHASM	0		
Colonial Inn	0		
Empowered Warriors	0		
Missions – Other	25,000	25,000	

Subtotal – Missions	25,000	25,000	0%
Communities in Schools		5,000	
Marketing		1,000	
Community Engagement Coordinator		40,000	
Subtotal – Community Engagement		46,000	100%
Total Expenses	373,632	433,681	14%
Surplus / Deficit	-20,902	-73,681	

Thursday January 18 at Virginia State University's Gateway Dining & Event Center – the Refresh Revival of the UMC. Revs Thomas Wynn and Ken Thrasher, preaching. Music by Raeanna Hudnell of East End Church, Richmond. Everyone and their neighbor is invited!

LIVING WATERS

A DISTRICT IN THE
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EMBRACE EVERYONE. EMPOWER PEOPLE. INSPIRE HEARTS. EMBODY CHRIST.



PHILEMON 1:20

JOIN US!!!

**In times like these...We need the Living Waters of Christ to
Reinvigorate, Restore and REFRESH**

Our January Refresh Revival is only 5 weeks away!!!!
This revival is for our Central and Northern Region.

We have a Sign Up Genius below for volunteer positions. We are in desperate need of parking lot attendants and Clean up. Please help us make this the best kick-off event of 2024!!!!!!

Central and Northern Region Revival

Date: Thursday, January 18th

Time: 7pm

Location: VSU Gateway Dining and Event Center

[Click Here For Directions](#)

Bermuda Hundred
Bethia
Carson
Centenary (Chesterfield)
Chester
Crenshaw
East Nottoway Charge (Butterwood, Grace, Rocky Hill)
First (Hopewell)
The Gathering at Washington Street
Highland
Kenwood
Lebanon (Dinwiddie)
Matoaca
Ocran
Prince George Charge (Newville, Salem)
Prince George Cooperative Parish (Blandford, Gary's)
Rocky Run
St. Mark's
South Dinwiddie Charge (Mansons, Mount Olivet)
Sycamore
Trinity (Chesterfield)
Trinity (Petersburg)
Twin Grove Charge (Oak Grove, Smith's Grove)
Washington Street
Wesley (Colonial Heights)
Wesley (Hopewell)
Wesley Chapel
Wood's
Click below to volunteer!

[VOLUNTEER NOW](#)

JANUARY 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!

Jan 3 David Wright
Jan 4 John Morris
Jan 5 Annette Hairfield
 Dara Mills
Jan 6 Nathaniel Sawyer
Jan 7 Linn Lott
Jan 8 Nelson Babcock
Jan 9 Julie Layman
 Stephen Ruxton
 Zakary Sandlin
Jan 10 Samoeun Por
Jan 11 Kathy Harman
Jan 14 Katherine Madison
Jan 19 Justin Poythress
Jan 20 Jessica Farrar
Jan 23 Kendall Langford
Jan 24 Betsy Day
 Mike Costello
Jan 29 Jesse Sandlin
 Shannon McGuffin
Jan 30 Rachel Allyn
 Ruth Allyn



Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Contemporary Service • 9 am Live Stream
 9:45 am Sunday school
 11 am Traditional Service • 3:30 pm Women's Bible
 Study • 5 pm Youth Group

January 2024

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

8:30 am Morning Prayer
 5:45 pm Children's Music
 7:00 pm Bass Clefs
 7:30 pm Trinity Choir

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 am Morning prayer *Office Closed*	2 8:30 am Morning prayer *Office Closed* 7 pm Praise Team	3 8:30 am Morning prayer *Office reopens* 7 pm Choir	4 8:30 am Morning prayer	5 1 pm Setup for luncheon	6 11 am David Bailey Celebration of Life
7 Sunday Schedule	8 8:30 am Morning prayer *Office Closed* 7 pm Scouts & Belles	9 8:30 am Morning prayer 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	10 8:30 am Morning prayer 7:00 pm Bass Clefs 7:30 pm Choir	11 8:30 am Morning prayer 1 pm UWF 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm AA	12	13 10 am BLT rehearsal
14 Sunday Schedule	15 8:30 am Morning prayer *Office Closed* 7 pm Scouts & Belles	16 8:30 am Morning prayer 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	17 Wednesday Schedule 6:30 pm Young Adults 7 pm Scout District	18 8:30 am Morning prayer 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm AA	19 6:30 pm "Third Friday" Game night hosted by Children's Ministries	20 10 am BLT rehearsal 2 pm Private Event (Kitchen and Sanctuary)
21 Sunday Schedule	22 8:30 am Morning prayer *Office Closed* 9:30 am UMM 7 pm Scouts & Belles	23 8:30 am Morning prayer 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	24 Wednesday Schedule	25 8:30 am Morning prayer 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm AA	26	27 10 am BLT rehearsal
28 Sunday Schedule Articles due for February 2024 newsletter	29 8:30 am Morning prayer *Office Closed* 7 pm Scouts & Belles	30 8:30 am Morning prayer 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	31 Wednesday Schedule			



2024

January

- 5th – Setup for luncheon at 1 pm
- 6th – David Bailey Celebration of Life at 11 am
- 11th – UWF at 1 pm
- 13th, 20th, 27th – BLT rehearsal at 10 am
- 18th – Revival at VSU
- 19th – Game night at 6:30 pm
- 22nd – UMM at 9:30 am
- 28th – February Newsletter deadline

February

- 11th – “Souper Bowl” of Caring
- 13th – Shrove Tuesday
- 14th – Ash Wednesday
- 16th – Scouts overnight lock-in
- 17th – Pinewood Derby

March

- TBD - Scouts Blue & Gold
- 23rd – Spring fling/Easter Egg Hunt
- 24th – Palm Sunday
- 31st – Easter Sunday