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EASTER!

The culmination of a Holy Week and the pinnacle of traditional Christian celebration. Christ is Risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

The Holy Week – from the triumphant entry of Palm Sunday to the empty tomb of Easter morning – chronicles the Way for Christian disciples. Jesus takes on the mantle of “savior” but only in the most humble, peaceful manner possible. He enters the week setting the tone for his revolution.

Spending days in the Temple, he absorbs as much of the faith experience as he can, while teaching new ways of understanding old traditions. By week’s end, he models servant leadership, formulates new traditions of grace to be shared and offers final coaching to his followers. Accepting the role of suffering servant, in his last hours he proves the power of forgiveness.

The experience of this holy week leads to Easter. Resurrection is void of meaning without recognition of the path of discipleship, of what it takes to get there.

Everything Jesus taught, by words and deeds, comes to the full-force, in-your-face, bold declaration of what the Kingdom of God is. Because the fruit of this holy week, of this holy work, is new life, new beginning, fresh start, second chance.

May this be a life-changing Easter for you.

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Alan

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Newsletter Deadline

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



Sunday, April

21st for inclusion in the May 2024 newsletter **date is subject to change.** Please send all items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com



ALL IN FOR KIDS

Communities in Schools 30th Anniversary Opportunities

As part of Communities-In-Schools of Chesterfield's 30th Anniversary, we have a variety of volunteer opportunities during the month of April across all 13 of our sites. Volunteers can sign up as individuals or with a group! There are opportunities at both of our CIS schools, Bellwood Elementary and Salem Church Middle. [Click HERE](#) to view all opportunities.

STRETCH!!



Ever wish you were more flexible?

Come join a weekly 45-50 minute class that promises fun, fellowship & and a gradual increase in cardiovascular fitness, strength and

flexibility. Led by Lainey Lambert, a nurse with 20 years' experience in fitness training, each session includes warm up, cardio activity & strength training, followed by gentle stretching. All that's required is a willing spirit, comfy clothes and stable shoes. A band for pulling exercises is recommended. The class will meet at TUMC on Wednesday or Thursday mornings, at 10:00 am. To register, call the church office or sign up in the narthex.



Our Young Adult Group (ages 18-30) meets once a month. In April, they will be meeting on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 pm.



Please join us on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1 pm for our next meeting.

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Kudos to Gary Potter for successfully managing the new sign project. While members and regular attendees of Trinity “know where to go,” guests often get confused by the many exterior doors around our wonderful facility. The new directional signs guide traffic to the appropriate entry. This project was funded by the 2023 Easter Eggs. A big shout out to Gary, the sign planters and the egg makers – and to you!



During this time while we are without a permanent Administrative Assistant, your patience is appreciated. It is possible something may be overlooked, or a usual procedure not followed, or the Pastor has the ‘deer-in-the-headlights’ look. Shannon did an amazing job preparing for the transition after eight years in the role, and it will take some time for a new employee to get up to speed. So, thank you for your patience.



General Conference 2024

After a four-year delay, the 2020 General Conference will take place April 23-May 3, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. There is lots of information available from the Virginia Conference and the General Church on GC2024, and it is available for you [HERE!](#)

Stay informed! Stay connected!



Missions News

Missions meeting Sunday, April 7th at 2PM. Anyone interested in being a part of mission planning for Trinity is welcome and encouraged to attend! If you are interested in being part of this committee, but cannot attend on the 7th, please reach out to Stephanie Griffith so you can be included in future committee information.

Rise Against Hunger – Trinity would love to host another Rise Against Hunger event for our fifth Sunday event in September! We will begin fundraising right away, as it takes a minimum of \$10,000 to have the event. If you wish to give funds for this event, please note Rise Against Hunger in the memo line of your giving (check or online). This has been a very fun event for us, and a wonderful draw to persons outside of our membership body. Please help us make this happen financially, and mark your calendars for the fifth Sunday in September so you can play with us 😊



Pace Center – Thank you for all your contributions to this ministry in March! Rachel Z was happy to get to deliver these to the Pace Center for us.



A Place of Miracles Café - 8820 Metro Court, Richmond VA 23237. This is a ministry located in the Jefferson Davis corridor (about 10 min from church) which serves hot meals and distributes food to persons in need. Trinity has been active in many ways with this café, and Trinity helps support this café financially. We have had a very active group from Trinity going every Friday from 1:30 pm until about 4:00pm. Please reach out to Bill or Karen Poole if you would like to help with this ministry, or just show up on a Friday afternoon ready to help!

Mercy Mall – 7519 Whitepine Road **TOILETRIES DRIVE IN APRIL**
There will be a collection box in Mission Alley all of April for toiletries for Mercy Mall. Personal hygiene products are always in high demand, and short supply at Mercy Mall. Some items needed are shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, womens personal hygiene (tampons and pads), toothbrushes, tooth paste, floss, hair brushes and combs, lotion, laundry detergent, dish detergent and toilet paper. (list is not limited to these items if you have something else you would like to bring)

The Place Of Miracles Clothes Cottage
Is hosting a
YARD SALE
2007 Willis Road
Fri. April 26th (8a-6p) and Sat. April 27th (7a-2p)

The Clothes Cottage has been accumulating items for years that are not exactly what people NEED. Much of this has been uncovered as we have been getting the cottage ready. The purpose of the clothes cottage is to help people with basic living needs, like clothing, socks, underwear, shoes, baby items, simple housewares and bedding. Though we work hard to rehome things to people who need them, there is extra accumulation, and we need the space in the cottage for NEEDED items. Monies raised from this yard sale will be used to purchase items the cottage needs, like shelving, a washer and dryer, and everyday things like marking stickers and markers. The Cottage rent is paid by The Place of Miracles Café, which is always praying to make monthly expenses. There is no extra money for such items that would make the Clothes Cottage run better. Immediately following the sale, we will open the yard sale to a give away from 2 til 5. This will be advertised through the Café, and not posted publicly.

So, how can you help?

1. Mark your calendar and come help on either or both yard sale days!
2. Donate Yard Sale Items...please note, all clothes, shoes, and other items that can be distributed by the cottage during regular operations, will be put into the cottage...but we would like to raise some money, so we need lots of stuff! You can specify yard sale or regular donation, or we will sort it and put it where we need it. Donations can always be left in Mission Alley for the Cottage or Mercy Mall. Please note, the cottage currently has more dress clothes than we need, so dress clothes like suits would be put out in the yard sale. After the sale, and give away time, items will be donated to Regenis Thrift Store.

Stephanie Griffith

804-677-3198 (text is best way to get me!)

The Cottage is in need of a washing machine! If you have one to donate, please contact Stephanie.

104 Ministries invites you to sign up for the 2024 Yukon Gold Potato Planting. Head to the farm on Saturday, April 6th at 9 AM and help get some potatoes growing for the Food Bank of Prince George County. Please click on the LINK below for more details and to view the online sign-up sheet.

SIGN UP

Saturday April 6th - plant white potatoes

Saturday June 1st – plant sweet potatoes

Saturday September 7th – harvest sweet potatoes

More than a Meal

The Meals on Wheels Program helps keep homebound seniors and disabled neighbors independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. The fresh, diet-specific, made-from-scratch meals are made with love in the Feed More kitchen, and delivered by volunteers every weekday 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (excluding holidays and with flexible delivery options). Not only do clients receive a nutritious meal each weekday, our friendly volunteers also deliver a smile and safety check.



Mary Potter and Ann Wright have been volunteers for over 10 years. We meet in the Food Lion parking lot at the courthouse at 10:15 and go to Central Baptist Church on Courthouse Road to pick up meals for our route. (You can deliver the same route each time or you can fill in where needed. We have done both). The routes are between 15-25 miles long with 8-16 clients. We are usually finished by 1:00 or earlier. You are required to furnish a cooler or freezer bag to keep the meals cool.

Mary and Ann have found this "job" to be very rewarding. The clients are very appreciative and happy to see us and we look forward to seeing them. Right now, volunteers are greatly needed. You can deliver a route once a week, once a month, etc., whatever works for you. Please consider volunteering. You won't regret it! If interested, contact Mary Potter or Ann Wright. THANK YOU!!

Are you 70½ or older and contribute to Trinity United Methodist Church?

Consider using your individual retirement account (IRA) to make a tax-free contribution. Direct your plan's administrator to send your contribution directly to --

Trinity United Methodist Church
EIN: 54-6040104
P.O. Box 2527
Chesterfield, VA

This method of making a charitable donation is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Beginning the year you turn 73, you can use your QCD to satisfy all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)--thus receiving the additional benefit of lowering your taxable income.

Another tax-smart way to give is by donating your securities to Trinity UMC. We are set up to receive gifts of stock, whether it is by actual stock certificate or via a transfer from someone's brokerage account.

Please note, it is critical that you let Trinity staff know that you will be making your contribution with a QCD. That way, we can ensure that the payment we receive from your plan's administrator is matched to your donor record. We can also ensure that we honor any special wishes as to where to allocate your gift.

The Leadership Board met on Thursday, March 21st. The following is a synopsis of what was discussed:

- Discussion on progress of meeting established goals for the year, timelines and expectations.
- Proposed new Trinity branding/logos were discussed (see below sample). If you would like to provide feedback, please send it to any board member prior to our April meeting.
- Discussion on financial reports, the counting/data entry process, and proposed changes to adhere to best practices. This is a work in progress.
- The General Conference of the United Methodist Church is scheduled for end of April/May and will be livestreamed if you are interested.
- New members will be joining Trinity on Easter Sunday.

All TUMC members are invited to attend Leadership Board meetings. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Blessings,

Ruth Allyn, TLB Chair



The United Methodist Men will be going to DGSC on Friday April 12th to meet with the group SOAR. They will be leaving the church at 10:00 am. Lunch will be included as part of the activity. The UMM will not be meeting at their normal time on Saturday April 6th.

Easter Eggs

Thank you to everyone who ordered Easter Eggs and bought the extra eggs and peanuts. The final count is 532 eggs sold and \$2550 cleared, our best year yet! The proceeds will be invested in the thriving Young Adult Group and used to replace the linen tablecloths. Thank you to all the volunteers!

APRIL 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!

- April 3** Sherri Diven
- April 5** George Kingsley
Rod Scott
Bobby Donovan
Alyssa Sandlin
- April 8** Robin Stariha
- April 9** Vickie Beck
Patricia Murdock
Judy Scott
Katie Griffith
- April 10** Cody Short
- April 14** Alan Rouze
- April 16** Rachel Sismour
- April 19** Chase Watson
- April 21** Joseph Kump
- April 24** Brian Leinberger
Maury Beck
- April 26** Anthony Roach
- April 29** James Stariha
Terri Watson
Kevin Sandlin
- April 30** Jack Sismour,
Jane Costello



Music Notes

Many, many thanks to all who participated in this year's Talent/Variety show! Everyone seemed to have a great time—and some of us are already thinking about next year!



Special recognition is due to Sophie Williamson and Eric Rasmussen for setting up the sanctuary; to Eric for being our Emcee extraordinaire; to Julie Layman for cooking delicious food under trying circumstances; and to all of you who helped turn the space back into a sanctuary. Merci. Grazie. Tak. Gracias.

I hope the Holy Week services were meaningful to all who participated. Thanks also to the Tenebrae Readers, Orchestra, and Chancel Choir for their hard work and dedication. These services helped make Easter even more exciting and miraculous for all of us.

The Music Department is rolling! The children and adults will sing, bells will ring, and God will be glorified throughout the Spring. Make a Joyful Noise!

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

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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

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 Spring Break	2 8:30 am Morning prayer Spring Break	3 8:30 am Morning prayer Spring Break	4 8:30 am Morning prayer 7 pm AA Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 104 Ministries planting of potatoes
7 Sunday Schedule *No Youth Group*	8 8:30 am Morning prayer 7 pm Scouts & Belles	9 8:30 am Morning prayer 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	10 Wednesday Schedule	11 8:30 am Morning prayer 1 pm UWF 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm AA	12 10 am UMM (van use)	13
14 Sunday Schedule	15 8:30 am Morning prayer *Office Closed* 7 pm Scouts & Belles	16 8:30 am Morning prayer 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	17 Wednesday Schedule 7 pm Young Adult Group 7 pm Scout District	18 8:30 am Morning prayer 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Leadership Board 7 pm AA	19 6 pm Game night	20
21 Sunday Schedule Articles due for May 2024 newsletter	22 8:30 am Morning prayer *Office Closed* 7 pm Scouts & Belles	23 8:30 am Morning prayer 1 pm Widows Group 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team *GENERAL CONFERENCE BEGINS IN CHARLOTTE, NC.*	24 Wednesday Schedule	25 8:30 am Morning prayer 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm AA	26	27
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2024

April

1st – Office closed on Easter Monday

1st thru 5th – Chesterfield County School on Spring Break (no kids activities)

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th – Food Truck Tuesdays (???)

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th – AA group meets at 7:30 pm.

6th – 104 Ministries planting potatoes

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th – Women's Bible Study at 3:30 pm.

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th – Boy Scouts meet at 7 pm.

9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th – Cub Scouts meet at 6:30 pm; Praise Team at 7 pm.

10th, 17th, 24th – Wacky Wednesday kids music meets at 5:45 pm.

10th, 17th, 24th – Bass clefs meet at 7 pm; Choir meets at 7:30 pm.

11th – UWF at 1 pm

11th, 18th, 25th – Girl Scouts meet at 6 pm.

12th – UMM 10 am to 2 pm (van use)

14th, 21st, & 28th – Youth meet at 5 pm

17th – Scouts District Meeting at 7 pm; Young Adult Group meets at 7 pm

18th – Leadership Board meets at 7 pm.

19th – Children's Ministry hosts game night at 6 pm

21st – May Newsletter deadline

23rd – Widows Group meets at 1 pm

23rd – General Conference begins in Charlotte, NC.

MAY

Graduation Sunday (TBD)

June

1st – 104 Ministries planting sweet potatoes

9th thru 15th – Youth Mission Trip to Altoona, PA.

17th thru 21st – Pace Center Summer Youth Camp

July

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24, 31st – VBS 2024

14th thru 20th – Tri-Cities Work Camp